

**„Ausweg“  
(„Way Out“) – Programm**

**for youth with drug addiction  
in Rems-Murr-District  
State of Baden-Württemberg  
Germany**

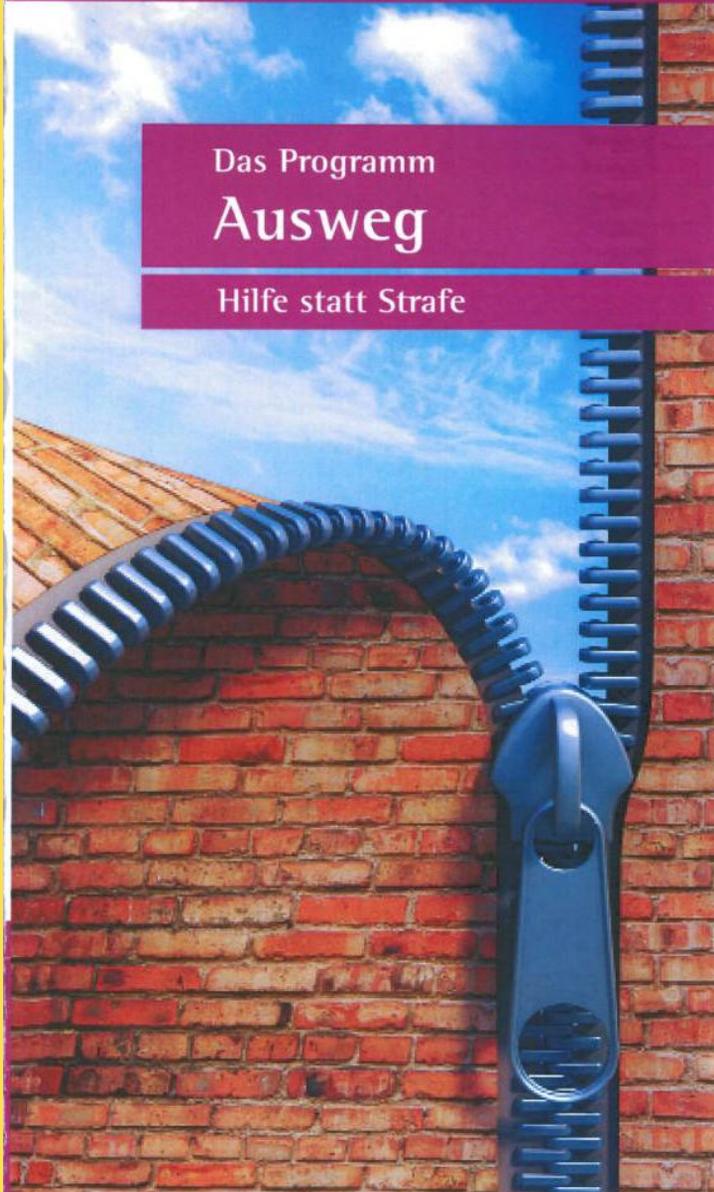
**Teamwork  
between  
the legal authority  
and youth support services**

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Das Programm  
**Ausweg**

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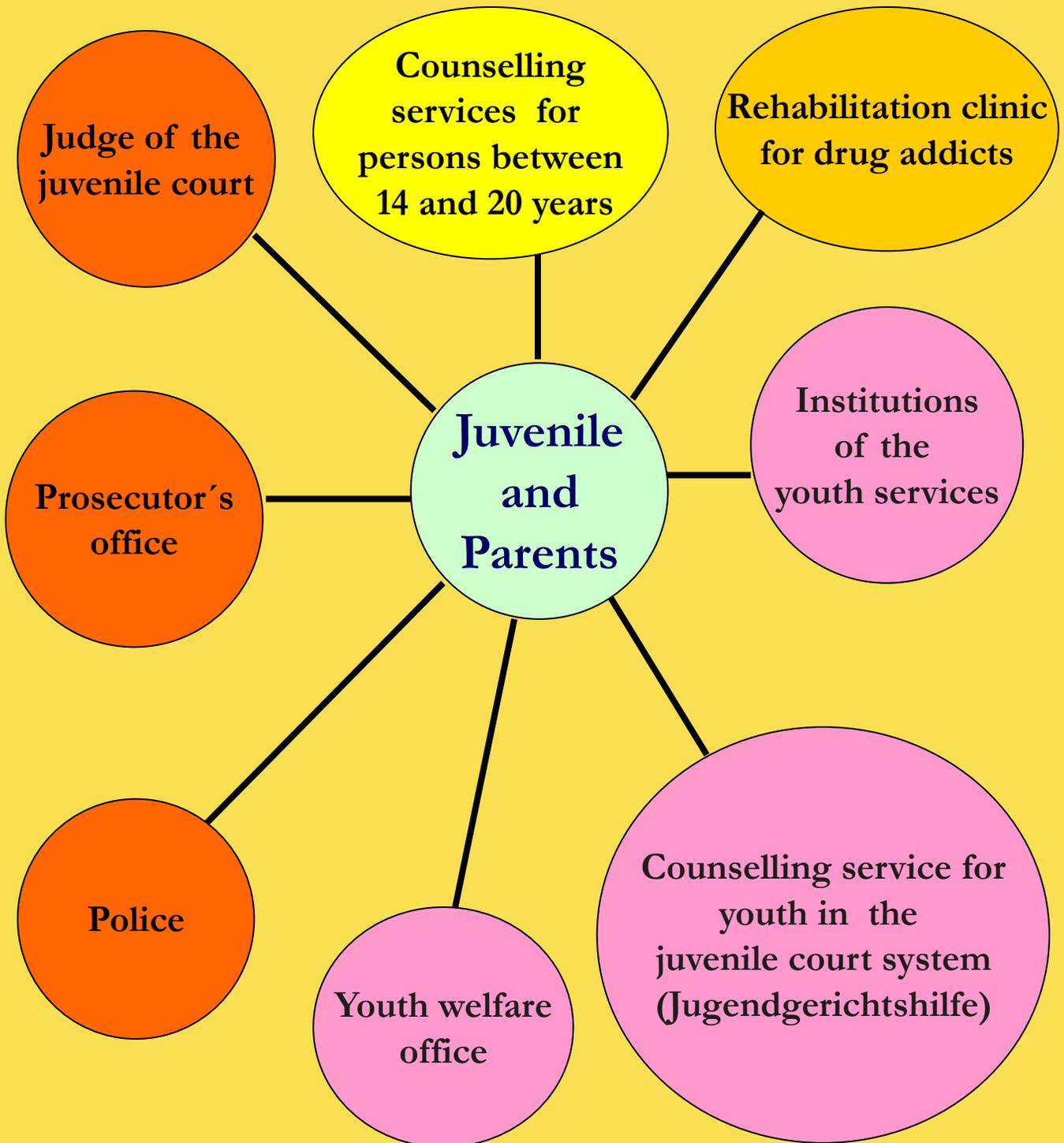


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# **This presentation of „Ausweg“ contains the following parts**

1. The participants in the project „Ausweg“
2. The objectives of the project
3. The history of the development of „Ausweg“
4. The methods and the tools of the project
5. The evaluation
6. The results of the evaluation

# 1. The participants in the project „Ausweg“



## **2. The objectives of the project „Ausweg“**

- Early prevention for juveniles (14 -20 years old) with drug addictions.
- To refer more young people with drug addictions to treatment centers.
- To keep more addicted juveniles in rehabilitation programmes.
- Reduction of drug abuse risk-behavior and criminal drug related acts.
- To include all ethnic groups

# 3. The history of the development of „Ausweg“

- The project started after a constituting period of two years in 2003 in one district of Baden-Württemberg, called Rems-Murr Kreis, with about 417.000 inhabitants.
- A constitution group designed the objectives, the methodes, the procedural manner, the forms and the contracts.
- Members of all participating professions were included.
- After the start of „Ausweg“ a 6 month trial run followed.
- The testing phase ended with a conference.
- Since spring 2005 „Ausweg“ has been evaluated continually.

## **4. The methodes and the tools of „Ausweg“**

„Ausweg“ is a project, where staff of several different occupational fields work together. This can only work in coordinated teamwork and with the necessary tools.

One central procedure is the case management.

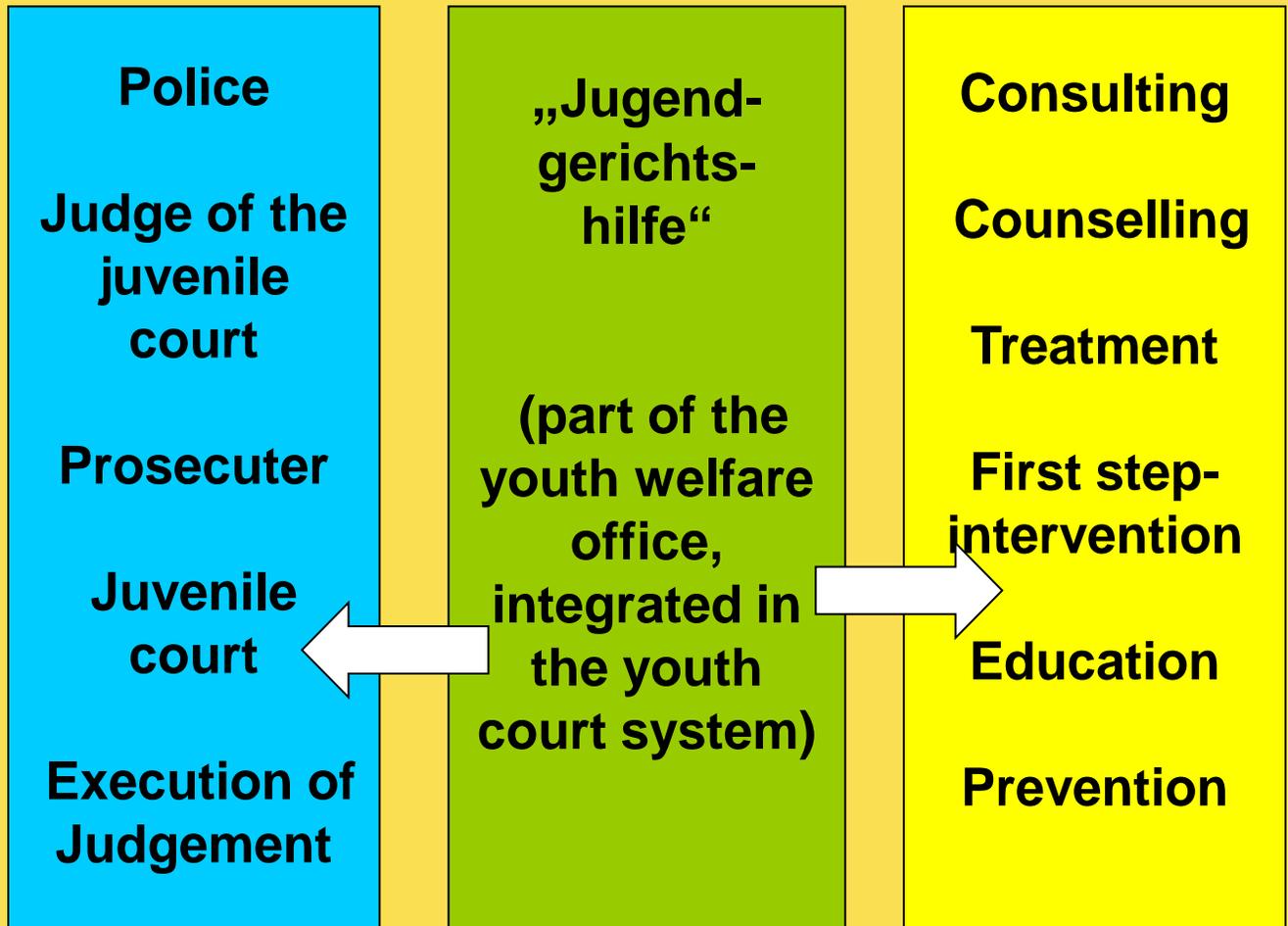
The case management is the responsibility of the counselling staff and support services of the youth in the juvenile court system (Jugendgerichtshilfe).

„Jugendgerichtshilfe“ coordinate between investigation, legal proceedings, execution, treatment and handling of the CaseManagement

Decision/Suggestion

Case management

Support



### **Taking care for transparency :**

- objective contemporary parameters as drug-screening etc.
- agreement about proceedings
- agreement about handling of problems, crises and success
- evaluation and training

# **These are the essential tools that help the system work:**

- The flow-charts in the handbook
- The contracts and the forms
- The meetings
- The co-ordinating person of „Ausweg“

# 5. The evaluation

- The evaluations started in spring of 2005.
- It contains two aspects:
  - Do we get the achieved results?
  - Are the methodes of „Ausweg“ helpful? (for example: the contact between the institutions, the responsibilities and decision making).
- There was a data collection every 6 month with the exchange of experiences between the different professions and involved institutions.
- After every data collection there was a meeting to evaluate the results, to decide on measures to improve and control the development of the project.  
Beginning in 2012 we will meet once a year.

## 6. The results of the evaluation

- Even when youth has been forced to participate in a counselling session, it was often possible to achieve a constructive rapport. These young people were ready to reflect on their drug addiction, some even changed their consuming behaviour.
- Since the project started a lot of young people participated. Only a few of them dropped out.
- The staff learn from each other. They describe, that they have more possibilities to act, they communicate with each other to find a proper solution.