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Please answer the following questions in English.

- 1. Is this your country's ECPA entry or is it an additional project? (Only one ECPA entry per country plus up to two other projects.)**

ECPA entry Germany

- 2. What is the title of the project?**

“Ausweg” (Way Out)

- 3. Please give a short general description of the project.**

The project is set up as a cooperation between institutions of the support system for drug-addicted and alcohol-addicted persons, Institutions of the support system for young people and legal authorities (police, public prosecutor, judge, etc.)

- 4. Please describe the objective(s) of the project?**

The objectives of “Ausweg” are:

- To reach young people between 18 and 21 years, who were picked up by the police because of the consumption of drugs or alcohol.
- To prevent a drug abuse, alcohol abuse and a criminal career by these young people.
- To use the repressive possibilities of the legal system to make the young people start talking to a counsellor.

5. How was the project implemented?

In one district of Baden-Württemberg, called Rems-Murr-Kreis, with about 417.000 Inhabitants, started the pilot project.

The plan of this new idea of collaboration has been supported by the government after a public competition.

A constitution group designed the concept and the procedural system in a period of two years. Members of the participating professions were included.

After the official start of "Ausweg" a ½ year test-phase followed. The test-phase ended with a conference.

Meanwhile "Ausweg" is being evaluated, and the participants of the cooperation meet in a conference every ½ year to correct "Ausweg" continuously.

6. Were partners involved in planning and/or development and/or implementation of the project? If so, who were they, and what were their roles?

Partners involved in planning, development and implementation of "Ausweg":

- Created the idea of "Ausweg", and implemented the project:
A colleague of an institution of the support system for drug-addicted and alcohol-addicted persons, a colleague of a drug abuse rehabilitation clinic and a colleague of the Jugendhilfe (organization offering support and various services such as counselling to young people).
- Co-ordination of the development, the implementation and the evaluation of "Ausweg":
Another colleague of a institution of a drug abuse rehabilitation clinic.
- Members of the constituting group:
Colleagues of institutions of the support system for drug-addicted and alcohol-addicted persons, colleagues of institutions of the Jugendhilfe (organization offering support and various services such as counselling to young people) and institutions and colleagues of the legal system (police, public prosecutor, judge, etc.)

7. How did you build in plans to measure the performance of the project?

- Conferences every ½ year.
- Evaluation of "Ausweg".
- The person who coordinates "Ausweg" has the job to keep in contact with the members of the cooperation, to determine what works and what has to be corrected.

8. Has the project been evaluated? How, and by whom?

“Ausweg” has been evaluated since summer 2005 and summer 2007.

The evaluation is created in three inquiry includes a question with questionnaire and structured interviews.

The evaluation works together with the “Fraunhofer-Institut Stuttgart”.

9. What were the results? How far were the objectives of the project achieved?

Through the evaluation its possible to see, that the objectives of “Ausweg” can be reached.

- Even when young people came under pressure of a threatening to a counselling session, it was possible to get into constructive contact to them. The young people were ready to reflect there consumption of drugs and alcohol, or even changed their consuming behaviour.
- “Ausweg” started new projects to reach young people, who have problems with alcohol, drugs and the law.
- The colleagues who participate in the cooperation learn from each other. They describe, that they have more possibilities to act, they call each other when they have questions, etc.

Since the project started 37 young people are take part of it. Only 5 of them have interrupted the course, the others have successfully finished and stopped their drug abuse and also their criminal career.

Afterwards it is intentional to fit this project exhaustive in the whole federal state of Baden-Württemberg.

10. Are there reports or documents available on the project? In print or on the Web? Please, give references to the most relevant ones.

A handout about “Ausweg” is available. This handout contains the standards of the project, the flow-charts, forms, agreements and contact dates of members of the co-operation.

You find the handout in the attachment of this email. (In German language), also the Info-Flyer for the young people (example in Turkish language)

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Please, write here a one page description of the project

In the “Ausweg” project colleagues of the support system for drug-addicted and alcohol-addicted persons, Jugendhilfe (organization offering support and various services such as counselling to young people) and legal authorities work together.

Their aim is to offer adolescents a way in the direction of “support instead of punishment” If an adolescent takes part in one of the programs offered by “Ausweg he or she can expect mitigation or waiver of punishment .

The case management of the cooperation lies with Jugendgerichtshilfe (...juvenile legal support agency) which works under the authority of Kreisjugendamt (district youth office).

It is the task of the police to advise adolescents who they think might be in danger of getting addicted to contact “Ausweg” and hand them the “Ausweg” flyer.

In an adolescent has caught their attention for abuse of hard drugs for the first time or several times with cannabis products the police officer transfers a note to Jugendgerichtshilfe.

If the police has to transfer the case of the adolescent to the state prosecutor, there will be a note in his file if the adolescent can imagine taking part in an “Ausweg” program. Data privacy protection is legally insured.

The colleagues from Jugendgerichtshilfe write to the adolescent and if he or she is under age also to their parents. They propose a date for a counselling session.

In this session the question is discussed which counselling module offered by “Ausweg” might make sense for the adolescent and if there is a need to contact the Jugendamt (youth office).

The adolescent contacts one of the participating counsellors

The Jugendgerichtshilfe colleagues support the adolescent on his way between state prosecutor, law court and judge and his participation at an “Ausweg” counselling module.

Advanced development of the project has been planned. The idea is to expand the offer to adolescents who are imprisoned and to include the authorities in charge of driver’s licences in the cooperation.

Currently there is a test phase which is limited to 6-8 units with a group of adolescents from Jugendhilfe institutions who have a record of drug or alcohol consumption.

Colleagues from Drogenhilfe and from Jugendhilfe share the responsibility for this group.

The design uses mainly concepts from Erlebnispädagogik (experiential education) and psycho education.

After the first positive experiences this group will be continued as part of the „Ausweg“ program.