



Project title: **Prevention Project Dunkelfeld (PPD)**

Main theme:

Reducing the frequency of child sexual abuse.

Project purpose and outcome:

This project is directed at people seeking therapeutic help because they feel sexually attracted to children and adolescents and/or who use child abusive images. Within the course of therapy, the person concerned is offered support concerning the prevention of child sexual abuse in the form of hands-on contact or 'online abuse' by using or producing child abusive image material.

Project submitter (Member State): Germany – Federal Ministry of Justice

Project leader(s): Institute of Sexology and Sexual Medicine at the University Hospital Charité – Campus Mitte in Berlin

Project partner(s): other German universities

Project description:

The Prevention Project Dunkelfeld (PPD) provides confidential treatment free of charge for individuals who have a partial or exclusive sexual preference in terms of pedophilia or hebephilia and seek therapeutic help.

Objectives project:

The overall goal of the project is to reduce the frequency of child sexual abuse by a regionwide establishment of professionally qualified, preventive outpatient therapy offers, directed at persons with a pedophilic/hebephilic preference in the Dunkelfeld. Furthermore, the project aims at raising the problem-awareness in the users of child abusive images and their relatives and to increase the readiness of accepting therapeutic help.

Project outcome:

During the course of the project, therapy results are systematically being collected and scientifically evaluated. By this means the project wants to show, that individuals with a sexual preference towards children and users of child abusive images can be helped by an expert diagnosis and professional therapy to refrain from assaulting children. Furthermore it is this project's goal to inform the community about the topic pedophilia/hebephilia and to encourage an objective discussion



within in our society.

Start and end project:

The project was started 2005 in Berlin. Meanwhile there are several locations in Germany.

Timescales and key milestone dates:

The aim is a region wide establishment of professionally qualified, preventive outpatient therapy offers.

Funding (total budget and type of funding (e.g. ISEC, EUCPN Fund,...)):

The PPD is supported by the Federal Ministry of Justice, business concerns and a foundation.

Contact details project:

[www.dont-offend.org](http://www.dont-offend.org) (this website contains a contact person and a contact form).