

## **Juko Marburg e.V.**

### **Project Introduction Stop-Training and counselling centre WeGe – ways out of violence**

#### **Slide 1:**

JUKO Marburg e.V.

Project presentation

in workshop 1 „advise, protect, support in case of gender-based violence“

in the future lab sister cities for gender equality

Modul 2 work against gender-based violence

#### **Slide 2:**

Basic project: STOP Training

- Social Training - Victim Protection Prevention
- since 2006 Work with perpetrators of domestic violence in Marburg (Initiated by the Round Table)
- Work in accordance with the standards of the BAG Täterarbeit (BAG Offender Work) Domestic Violence (BAG TäHG)
- Established project with very good cooperation structure, firmly anchored in the network

#### **Slide 3:**

Legal basis

- Istanbul Convention Article 16, para. 1:  
"The Parties shall take such legislative or other measures as maybe necessary or other measures to establish or to support programs designed to teach perpetrators of domestic violence to adopt nonviolent behavior in interpersonal relationships in order to prevent further violence and to change patterns of behavior characterized by violence."

#### **Slide 4:**

STOP training: The targeted group

- Men, who have used violence against the family or living community towards partners, the children or other family members or fear this

#### **Slide 5:**

STOP Training: The Goals

- The central goal is victim protection
- Reduction of all forms of violence within the domestic system
- Acceptance of responsibility by the perpetrator for the committed acts
- Development of empathy for the victim
- Differentiation of self-perception
- Learning of self-discipline, the avoidance of physical conflicts and the reduction of violence

#### **Slide 6:**

The access routes to STOP training

- Via the judiciary: Condition (prosecutorial, judicial, probation).  
"Marburg Model"
- Via the youth welfare offices:  
Suggestion, help plan procedure, requirement (child welfare endangerment).
- As self-reporter:  
intrinsically or extrinsically motivated

Suggestions e.g. via other counseling centers  
or psychotherapeutic / psychiatric services

#### **Slide 7:**

STOP training: procedure and structure

Intake phase:

- Three intake interviews (information, anamnesis, motivation).

Group phase:

- At least six months of behavioral training with at least 12 group sessions (3 hours each)
- Closed group (8-10 participants) with clear rules and narrow exclusion criteria
- Mixed-gender team of trainers

Final phase:

- Final individual discussion approx. 6-8 weeks after group phase

#### **Slide 8:**

Expansion of the STOP training - offender training for non-German speaking men

- was made possible by EU project "Marburg without Partner Violence" (2019 - 2021)
- insufficient knowledge of the German language was an exclusion criteria in the past (according to the standards of the BAG TÄHG)
- Unequal treatment for clients who do not have sufficient German language skills
- Goal: To create access and services for non-German speaking perpetrators of domestic violence

#### **Slide 9:**

Legal basis

- Istanbul Convention Article 4, para. 3:

"The implementation of the present Convention by the Parties, in particular of measures for the protection of the rights of victims, shall be without discrimination on any ground such as biological or social sex, race, color of skin, language, religion, political or other beliefs, national or social origins, affiliation to a national minority, assets, birth, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, health status, disability, marital status, migrant or refugee status or other status."

#### **Slide 10:**

Results of the project work

- Elaboration of an extended clearing for non-German speaking clients in cooperation with the BAG TÄHG
- Qualification of translators for the use with non-German speaking perpetrators of domestic violence
- Intensification of networking and expansion of cooperation structures

#### **Slide 11:**

Extended clearing for non-German speaking clients

- in coordination and cooperation with BAG TÄHG
- Clearing concept originally developed by BAG TÄHG for the work with refugee men
- during the EU project "Marburg without partner violence" by JUKO Marburg e.V. fundamentally adapted and modified
- Clearing as a preliminary stage indispensable for the further work with the offender
- Clarification: prerequisites for social training?
- Goal: immediate end of violence



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Extended clearing for non-German speaking clients

Core content:

- Teaching of applicable values and norms
- further intervention planning
- Recognition of the limits of social training
- teaching the necessity of German language skills
- first emergency plan
- final decision on STOP - group participation, individual training with interpreter or further referral to a institution

**Slide 13:**

Qualification of translators for the work with perpetrators of domestic violence

- Contents: Introduction to the topic of domestic violence, presentation of the work with perpetrators, interaction between perpetrator and translator, understanding of roles
- 2020 for the first time 15 men and women for a total of 21 different languages
- great interest on federal level: in-depth training elements and possibly certified training as translators

Work with perpetrators of domestic violence currently under development

- Trained translators have translated information flyers and work materials into 5 languages

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Experience and perspectives so far

- 23 clients reached with new offer so far
- 2 clients transferred from ongoing STOP course to individual training
- 1 client transferred to German-language group training
- Otherwise continuing in interpreter supported individual training (still oriented to the standards of the BAG TÄHG)
- Funding: City / District

**Slide 16:**

Violence counseling center WeGe

- Ways out of violence
- Counseling for men, women, couples and families with violence problems
- deliberately low-threshold access
- intensive cooperation with all network partners (youth welfare offices, counseling centers, judiciary and police)
- proactive approach to counseling
- one counselor and one advisor work in the counseling center
- funded by the German television lottery (Jan 2020 – Dec 2022), total volume approx. 250.000€ (20% own funds)

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Initial situation

- Needs for violence counseling reported back by several Cooperation partners (social services of the justice system, ASD, various specialized counseling centers)
- care gap, also visible in STOP-Training practice
- Highly specialized counseling structure for family violence violence in general is missing

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## Counseling concept

- Gender-sensitive counseling for people with violence problems
- guide function: clearing process and referral counseling with referral to other help systems (youth welfare offices, counseling centers)
- Low-threshold, specialized counseling services
- Closing of gaps in care for those seeking advice in the Marburg-Biedenkopf region

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## Results of the work so far

- Utilization: over 600 consulting contacts to date, 100 consulting processes so far
- various accesses open
- 20% judicial instruction (AG, StA, FG)
- 9% on recommendation of the youth welfare office
- 9% by proactive procedure (e.g. via police or social services of the of the judiciary)
- 55% independently seeking advice (recommendation by partners or acquaintances, own Internet research, etc.)

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## Results and perspectives

- Focus on counseling in the family context
- Introduction and establishment of the proactive approach to counseling
- Networking and public relations
- DHW funding expires at the end of 2022
- Continuation and stabilization
- Continued funding of the counseling center (1 Vz position) through municipalities