

Awareness and Handling of Potential Risks Among Students in Psychological Student Counseling and Support, in Course-Related Counseling and Within Legal and Administrative Measures at the universities

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Project Management

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Background & Aim of the Project

Targeted violence, aggressive and self-harming behavior of students are a potential risk for employees and students at universities. The project aimed at training university counselors in the awareness and handling of students' potential risks as well as in handling situations when students are threatening others. The aim of the project was also to increase the sensitivity of university members to relevant psychological problems and to teach them how to deal with professional secrecy and the legal situation in regard to threats. Furthermore, university members were to learn how to identify the need for early assistance among students and how to initiate possible preventive actions.

Description of the Project

A multi-stage procedure was chosen to achieve the project objectives. Initially, 40 selected representatives from 37 higher education institutions, students' unions and universities in Baden-Württemberg were trained as multipliers on the topic. Subsequently, the project team developed material on the topic and adapted it with the help of the multipliers to real-life conditions. The multipliers then used this material to train employees in their facilities. The project showed good results concerning learning effect and action competence of both the trained multipliers and the employees in the respective institutions.

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