

# Survey of Experiences on Sexualized Violence of Adolescents in Youth Welfare Institutions and Boarding Schools and Deriving Recommended Action for Practice

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## Acronym

SG Inst (BMBF), commonly known as the study "Sprich mit!" (have a say!)

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## Project Management

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## Project Term

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## Background & Aim of the Project

The issue of sexual violence in educational institutions received widespread attention when cases of sexual abuse in residential care and educational institutions became public. However, there were hardly any studies that could reliably provide information on the frequency, manifestations and conditions under which sexual violence occurs in live in a youth welfare institution or boarding school about their experiences of sexual violence. At the end of the project, recommended action for pedagogical professionals in institutions on how to deal with sexual violence should be provided on the basis of the results.

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## Description of the Project

The research design included a quantitative survey based on questionnaires as well as qualitative surveys based on group discussions and individual interviews with young victims and survivors of sexual violence. The survey took both victim and perpetrator perspectives into account and was conducted in 12 boarding schools and 20 youth welfare institutions throughout Germany.

Based on the results, recommendations for action were compiled in the publication "Umgang mit sexueller Gewalt – Ein praktische Orientierungshilfe für pädagogische Fachkräfte in Einrichtungen für Kinder und Jugendliche" (dealing with sexual violence - a practical orientation aid for pedagogical specialists in institutions for children and adolescents)

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