Knowledge transfer, dissemination and participation in the field of child protection

An overview

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'Knowledge itself is power.'
Sir Francis Bacon (1597)

,'An investment in knowledge always pays the best investment.'
Benjamin Franklin (1758)
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Wissens- und Technologietransfer
als Gegenstand institutioneller Strategien

Positionspapier
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- Science
- Practical field
- People affected by sexual abuse/society
- "Third Mission"
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- Research, evaluation
- Prevention/intervention
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Medial scandal in 2010

**Berliner Morgenpost**

**Kriminalität**

**Canisius-Kolleg: Missbrauchsfälle an Berliner Eliteschule**

An dem von Jesuiten betriebenen Canisius-Kolleg in Tiergarten sind über Jahrzehnte hinweg Schüler von Lehrern sexuell missbraucht worden. "Mit tiefem Schmerz und Scham habe ich diese...

**SPIEGEL ONLINE**

**Odenwaldschule**

**Pädagogen teilten "sexuelle Dienstleister" fürs Wochenende ein**

Independent Commissioner for the Reappraisal of Child Sexual Abuse
Critical Incident Reporting System

public relations homepage

accompanying research
- data analysis, preparation of results

Independent Commissioner
- contact point reappraisal recommendations

victims of sexual abuse
- testimonials, experiences, concerns, critique

Round Table

German Government
Media Campaign | „Speaking Helps“

Wer das Schweigen bricht, bricht die Macht der Täter.

Es ist nie zu spät, über sexuellen Missbrauch zu sprechen. Betroffene und Menschen, die Misshandlung in ihrem Umfeld wahrnehmen, können sich bei uns anmelden und uns darauf hinweisen, dass sie einen Fall sexuellen Missbrauchs im Umfeld wahrnehmen.

Rufen Sie uns an. Sprechen Sie mit uns über Ihre Erfahrungen und Anliegen.

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0800-22 55 530
www.sprechhilfe.de
Effect of the Media Campaign

Number of daily calls

- Initial stage of the mandate of the Independent Commissioner: May/June 2010
- Start of the campaign: 21.09.2010
- Presentation of the final report: 24.05.2011
- Final stage of the mandate of the Independent Commissioner: September/October 2011
Informationen about

- severe cases of abuse
- High risk populations and rare phenomena
- Consequences of abuse and coping strategies

Contribution to political and societal consequences

- Nation-wide child protection act
- Law for the strengthening of the rights of victims of sexual abuse
- Sensitization of the society for the issue of sexual abuse
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Education and dissemination

Zentrum für Traumaforschung Ulm
Box 12. Child protection hotline for health professionals in Germany [Medizinische Kinderschutzhotline]

A national child protection telephone hotline for health professionals, "Medizinische Kinderschutzhotline" (139), was established in Germany in 2017 to improve communication and data-sharing between health professionals and children’s services. It is funded by the Federal Ministry for Families, the Elderly, Women and Youth and is staffed by trained physicians and other professionals all day, every day.

Staff provide advice on interpretation of injuries or behavioural problems, documentation of injuries, the legal framework regarding breach of patient confidentiality and information on how to discuss concerns with parents, and link health professionals to local support services. Cases are discussed anonymously and responsibility for the suspected case remains with the health professional making the call. Evaluation of the intervention found that the support offered by the hotline and its interdisciplinary professional composition is valued by service users. Demand for the hotline is particularly high for professionals working in emergency medicine.

The hotline team has developed an e-learning course, funded by the Federal Ministry of Health, to increase training of health professionals in child protection. A feedback loop ensures difficult cases are discussed regularly by the hotline team and incorporated into the course, in addition to articles targeting health professionals.

Key elements of the hotline’s success include high accessibility, wide publicity about availability and details of the service, and its targeting of the broad range of health professionals who have regular contact with children to raise awareness of child protection issues.
• Knowledge transfer in the field of child protection is based on a complex and dynamic interaction of several players.

• A succeeding knowledge transfer is a prerequisite for improvement of child protection and reduction of child maltreatment.

• Participation of victims and the use of their expertise (‘citizen science’) represents an important aspect of knowledge transfer in the field of child protection.

• E-Learning as an effective form of dissemination.
‘Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.’

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Thank you for listening.