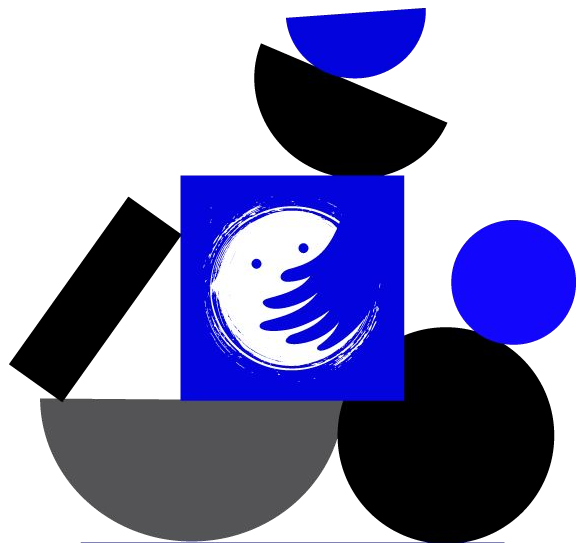


Reccomendations to prevent and to respond to Missing people and children phenomenon

Course 1 Topic 1.1

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Introduction

In this document, our recommendations on how to fight the phenomenon of disappearances are divided into 3 parts.

- 1) Recommendations targeting children and youth in general.
- 2) Recommendations regarding the disappearance of Adults.
- 3) Recommendations regarding people suffering from mental diseases.





1. Section

1.1 Regarding children and youth

Children and adolescents do not disappear of their own free will if they thrive and have a good childhood and youth. For a prevention strategy:

1. All primary and secondary schools shall have an Anti-Bullying Policy and strategy.
2. Education of teachers and relevant social staff regarding: Profiles of children and youngsters at risk of being sent back to their family's homeland for cultural reeducation.
3. Education of teachers and relevant social staff regarding; Profiles of "run away youngsters".
4. Education of teachers and relevant social staff regarding; Being active on social Media.
5. Ensure that all children and youngsters have access to a trusted adult.





1.2 Anti Bullying Policy : Fight bullying to reduce the number of disappearances among children and youth.

All primary and secondary schools shall have an Anti-Bullying Policy & strategy.

One reason why children and youngsters want to disappear and even commit suicide, is that they feel excluded, misunderstood and lonely.

We recommend that it is obligatory to all primary schools, secondary schools, upper secondary and vocational schools to have an **Anti-Bullying Policy** and the belonging strategies implement the policy into the daily life at schools.

We recommend that all educational institutions educating teachers and social workers, focusing on children and youth education and preparing the students to intervene if they experience bullying.





1.2.1 Anti Bullying Policy - Prevention

Strengthen the community

Strengthen the community and prevent bullying.
Read our good advice on reputable class management and find specific activities that can strengthen the community.

For teachers / educators

Teach the students to tell someone when they see others being bullied, strengthen the community through class activities, management, info for parents, etc. Find the overview here.

For parents

Why does bullying occur and what can you do about it? What is your role as a parent and how do you best talk to your child if it is being bullied?





1.3 Profiles of children and youngsters at risk of being sent back to their family's homeland for cultural reeducation

Initiatives are taken to build up a national homepage presenting this issue to children and youngsters and containing:

- ❖ Educational ideas, educational material and teaching guidelines on how to educate children about this issue in primary school and at all levels of youth education.
 - ❖ Special focus on the phenomenon of “social control”.

- ❖ The contact info to a hotline for children and youth who feel at risk of being sent back home for “cultural reeducation”. The hotline should be open 24/7.

- ❖ All educational institutions should have a “cultural contact person”. This contact person has to be well educated in cultural matters.





Section 2 The disappearance of Adults

When it comes to the disappearance of adults, it is a challenge that adults have a legal right to disappear. There is a lot of knowledge of why adults want to disappear.

- Group 1: They want to start a new life in another place, more or less voluntarily
- Group 2: They feel forced to disappear. In many cases because they want to hurt them self
- Group 3: The group that dissappear without intention.





2 The disappearance of Adults

We won't focus on group 1. There is a lot of knowledge about group 2. There is a history of psychological dissatisfaction caused by stress and low self-esteem in the majority of adult disappearances. The adults find it difficult to find a reason to stay.

Recommendation: Consult the free line for adults, such as:

- A psychological hotline – by phone and face to face in the local area.
- A financial hotline – by phone and face to face in the local area.
- A legal/juristical hotline – by phone and fact to face in the local area.





Section 3: Reduce the number of disappearance of people suffering from psychological challenges or mental illnesses

A big challenge is the people suffering from diseases that have lost their mental abilities. They disappear and are unable to find their way back home again.

It differs how the legislation regarding personal freedom is formulated in different countries. The legal preventive measures to secure people suffering from dementia and avoid their disappearance also vary. In some countries, the number of fatal outcomes of disappearances is related to senior citizens suffering from dementia.





Section 3: Reduce the number of disappearance of people suffering from psychological challenges or mental illnesses

We believe senior citizens should have the same rights and freedom to live their lives and have support in doing so from their spouse, family and professionals.

We recommend that the authorities make sure that the seniors suffering from dementia are being taken care of by enough care staff and a care staff specialized in dementia. If the staff have the right competences the number of conflicts and disappearances will be dramatically reduced.





Section 3: Reduce the number of disappearance of people suffering from psychological challenges or mental illnesses

We recommend that the responsible authorities make sure, that there are courses and counselling opportunities to family members and friends of people who have dementia. These courses should, among many things, focus on how to prevent that the person disappears without limiting the person's freedom.

Using the GPS method is not legal in many countries as it challenges personal freedom and the protection of a person's privacy.

The legislation regarding what it takes to declare a person incapable of managing their own affairs differ in many countries.

In many countries the human rights of people suffering from dementia is violated daily. There is a huge difference in categories and levels of dementia. Many people suffering from dementia are aware, recognize and feel their human rights being violated every day.





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