

Mainstreaming: our approach to domestic violence

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Thuis in
huiselijk
geweld



Blijf Groep heeft vestigingen in Alkmaar, Amsterdam, Flevoland, Haarlem, Umond en Zaanstreek

Escalation and intervention model:

- No violence => prevention
- Some violence => counselling
- Escalation => emergency help
- Shelter => safety and support
- Family back together => counselling
- Woman starts new life => empowerment

Becoming part of mainstream: new insights

- Public matter, problem of safety
- Stop the violence
- Spiral of escalation
- Intergenerational
- System based approach
- Integrated approach



Assisted Return programme:

- Talk about (stopping) the violence
- Both partners involved
- Time out method
- Short term method, active and outreaching

Further aspects of mainstreaming:

- Support in society
- Diversification of funding
- Professionalising the organisation
- More public profile

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- Safe but not secret
- Future without violence
- Break the isolation and shame
- Public statement and visibility



Advantages for the victims:

- They have a choice
- Consistency
- Public attention

Advantages for the organisation:

- Stronger basis and continuity
- Professional development
- Co-productions and recognition

Threats:

- Bureaucracy
- Autonomy
- Standardisation
- Competition
- Loss of motivation



Challenges and conclusion:

- Key role player
- Domestic violence on the political agenda
- Gender aspects
- Leadership