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6. Digital Counselling for Children and Young Adults at Risk

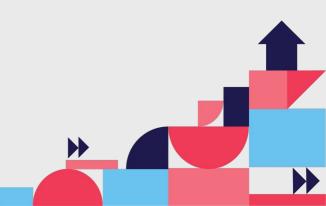
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DIGITAL COUNSELLING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS AT RISK



A child with a drinking problem?

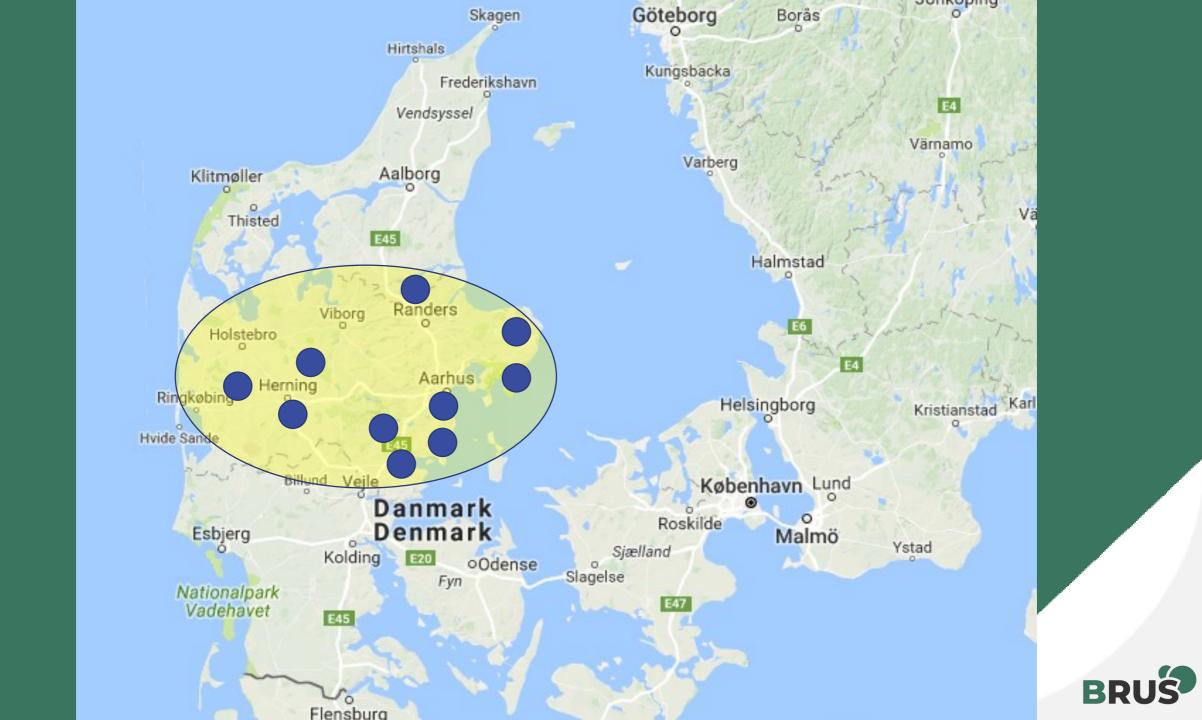




BRUS is for...

- Children and youth aged 0-24 years in families with alcohol or drug problems
- BRUS is a partnership between 11 municipalities in Denmark and the non-governmental organisation, Center for Digital Youth Care



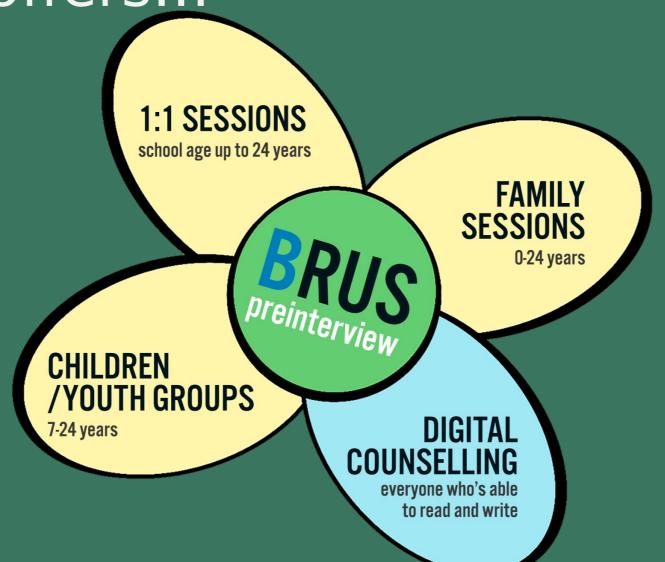


Interaction with you





BRUS offers...





Enabling early intervention and the prevention of harm is not always easy

- Children and youth cannot be spotted through a specific behavior
- Reaching out for help can be overwhelming and hard. It is
 often perceived shameful to have a parent with a drinking- or
 drug problem.
- Children's love for their parents are unconditional and the fer of what will happen to the family, can prevent them from reaching out.
- Geographical distances

Anonymous digital counselling







Digital Q&A



Brevkasse

Er der nogen i familien der drikker eller har problemer med rusmidler? Indsend et spørgsmål til brevkassen og en rådgiver vil svare dig indenfor 10 hverdage.

Overskrift *

Tilføj en overskrift til dit spørgsmål.

Spørgsmål*

SVAR FRA RÅDGIVER

Mange tak for dit brev.

Det gør mig ondt at høre at din far ofte er ked af det og drikker for mange øl. Det i sig selv må være svært for dig at være i. Ovenikobet får du nogle tanker om hvorvidt det kan være din skyld at han kommer til at drikke for meget, fordi han skælder ud, og måske beskylder dig for ting du ikke har gjort eller har haft til hensigt at forstyrre ham med. Jeg vil gerne understrege så kraftigt jeg overhovedet kan: Det er ALDRIG børnenes skyld hvis en voksen drikker for

Det er til enhver tid den voksne som alene bærer ansvaret

SVAR FRA RÅDGIVER

Mange tak for dit brev. Det er rigtig godt du skriver, i stedet

Jeg kan godt forstå at du er glad for at din far fik stoppet med sit misbrug af alkohol. Ingen bern skal leve med, at deres forældre drikker for meget. Dejligt at han er stoppet MEN du oplever, lige som andre med dig, at sindet og kroppen bliver ved med at huske hvordan det var, når din



Individual chat - SMS chat or online chat

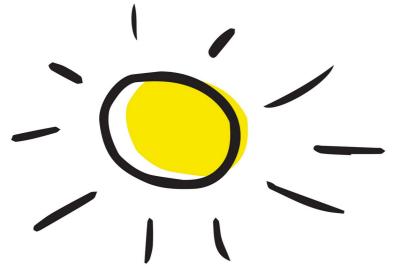


Digital youth groups



UNGBrus Gruppechat

Benefits of digital counselling





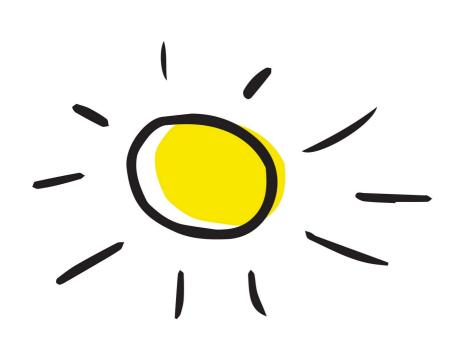








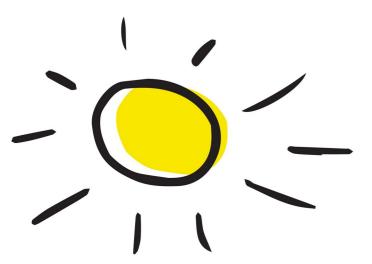
Anonymous digital counselling



- Helps the children breaking the taboo and reaching out for help without being concerned for the consequences.
- May empower the children and youth to reach out for further help.
- Offers easy access



Further...



- Digital counselling has the potential to be expanded across other social services
- A fundamental change in how we get in contact with vulnerable citizens and provide service in circumstances where it is not easy to reach out for professional help



An example on...



how it is possible to leverage the use of technology/ digitalization through partnerships



What the users report





"It was almost impossible for me to talk about at the beginning. As a child you cannot tell it, but it has been healthy for me opening up"

"When I was under 18, I was really scared that some people might react on what I told them. If they were going to contact my parents or the authorities. Now, I am most scared of being let down."

"I don't want my friends to know, because it will make me feel weak and I am scared that they are going to treat me differently."

"It is not often that people say those things to your face. But suddenly, people start telling you things when they're anonymous."



Interaction with you





Discussion



What are the perspectives of digital counselling?



For which groups can digital counselling be beneficial?



Does this project bring you new ideas or insights?



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