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Family Justice Centers in Europe



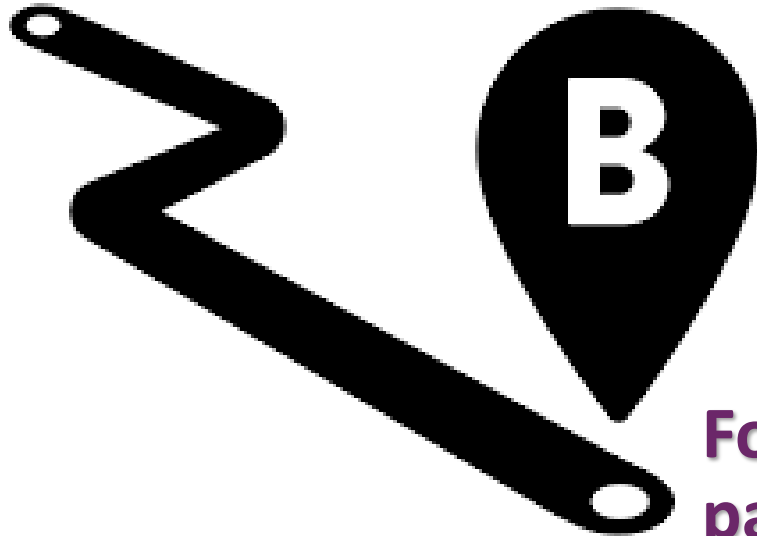
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Daphne Project 2013-2015, 5 countries - 6 pilots



Formal European network with growing partnerships in Europe (and abroad)

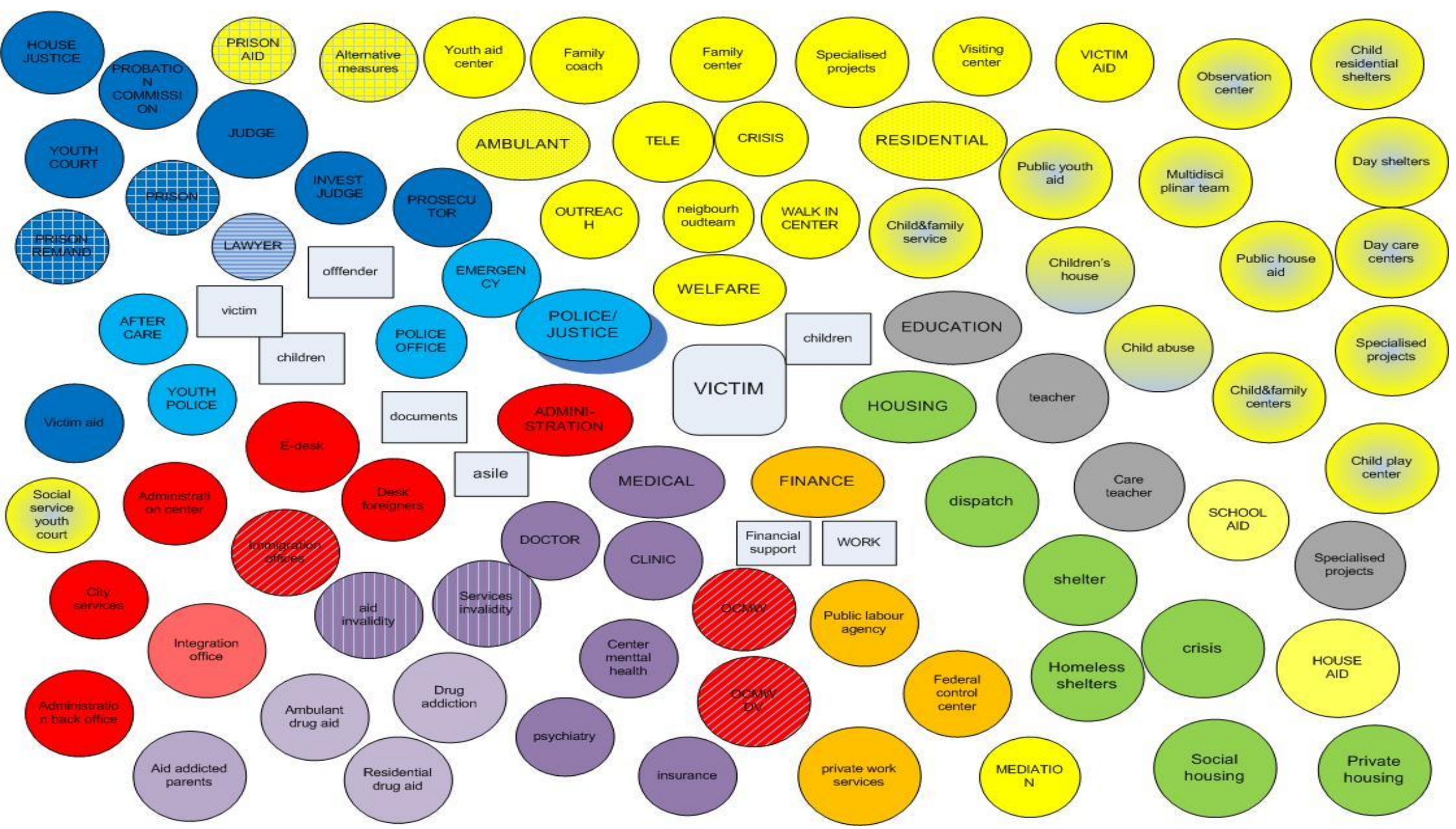


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Why FJC?



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Multi agency approach of violence against women has shown encouraging results, but there are still major obstacles:

1. Victims are still expected to travel to a variety of organisations to get safety, help and support
2. Victims have to tell their story over and over again



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Where agencies come together and families come first

- ONE-STOP-SHOP for victims of family violence where professionals come together and families come first – A SAFE PLACE
- A Family Justice Centre provides a wide range of co-ordinated services under one roof
- Improving access for victims of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual abuse
- Victims and their families are the focus of the FJC



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“Taking the best of what you already have and bring it all together.”





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GUIDING PRINCIPLES (1)

➤ **Safety Focused**

Increase safety, promote healing, and foster empowerment through services for victims and their children

➤ **Victim-centered**

Provide victim-centered services that promote victim autonomy



GUIDING PRINCIPLES (2)

➤ **Survivor-driven**

Shape services to clients by asking them what they need

➤ **Empowered**

Offer survivors a place to belong even after crisis intervention services are no longer necessary



GUIDING PRINCIPLES (3)

➤ **Relationship-based**

Maintain close working relationships among all collaborators/agencies

➤ **Offender-accountability**

Increase offender accountability through evidence-based prosecution strategies and/or evidence based treatment programs.



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Partners of FJC Antwerp

- Police
- Prosecutor
- Women's aid
- Shelters
- Services for child abuse
- Services for social welfare
- Counseling
- Medical services
- Services for housing
- Probation
- Perpetrator programs
- Services for migrants and asylum seekers
- Youth care
- Centre for mental health
- Services for job seeking
- Local authorities

On site services:

- Peer groups
- Support by voluntary co-operators
- Self-defense courses
- Legal advice
- Focus groups
- Medical examination

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Features of FJC

- All services under one roof
- Easy way of locating organizations and services
- Reduces travelling and waiting time
- Avoids repeated descriptions of the own situation
- Interdisciplinary cooperation on an individual case-by-case basis
- More information about the actions taken in the approach, the case manager has an overall view
- Combines security related information, quicker response is possible when new incidents, threats or changing circumstances occur
- Quick convening of a security conference
- Improvement of the interventions



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Features of FJC

- Reduce the number of domestic/family violence, serious incidents and murders
- Reduce child abuse incidents
- Improved access and confidence in the delivery of Justice
- Professionals learn more about the possibilities of colleagues from other agencies
- Improving working environment



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Saving Lives – Reducing Costs

1 domestic violence murder will cost approximately £1.1 million



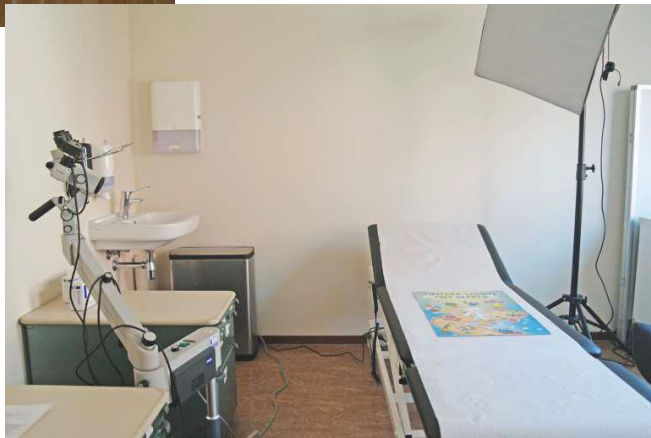
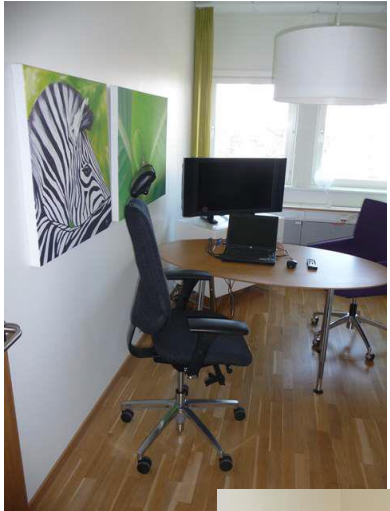
1 domestic violence murder prevented per year would provide savings equal to the total costs required to run the Family Justice Centre for a year – including all key partner agency staffing costs



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Let me take you to other places





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The central platform for FJC's and related multidisciplinary models in Europe:

- Providing mutual support and cooperation among members
- Supporting and following up new Family Justice Centers in Europe
- Providing training and work packages on methodology and expertise, for the multidisciplinary approach of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual violence
- Creating and organizing a platform for conversation, consultation and exchange of ideas, expertise and good practices in the approach of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual violence
- Monitoring results of the multidisciplinary approach
- Promoting and strengthening the integration of the model of Family Justice Centers in Europe on professional, policy and political level
- Organizing a yearly conference: ***save the date: 24th of November 2017 in Brussels***
- Fundraising for Family Justice Centers
- Applying to and taking part in EU calls and other



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Istanbul convention, Victims Right Directive, Convention on the Rights of the Child

- The EFJCA subscribes the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.
- The EFJCA subscribes the DIRECTIVE 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime.
- The EFJCA subscribes the UN convention on the Rights of the Child.



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The vision of the EFJCA is a future where all professionals work together to ensure safety and a better life for survivors of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual violence and their families





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Thank you for your attention



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