Online network-meetings for mental health promotion

Name / title of service	Online network-meetings for mental health promotion
National society / organization	Austrian Youth Red Cross
Your logo/icon	ÖSTERREICHISCHES JUGENDROTKREUZ Aus Liebe zum Menschen.
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Short description of the digital MHPSS service / practice (max. 1000 signs)	Our online network-meetings with different topics regarding the mental health of children and youth are taking place four times a year and aim to support teachers and other caretakers in coping with challenges regarding the mental health of their cared-for children and youth. Every network-meeting stands in the light of a specific topic, which is presented by an expert in the specific field, for example: suicidality, self-harming behavior, eating disorders or addiction. Teachers and other caregivers can learn more about the different challenges in mental health of their children and youth and get the possibility to discuss practical questions with an expert, as well as with other caretakers.
Objectives of the digital MHPSS service / practice	Teachers and other caregivers have the opportunity to learn more about specific topics regarding mental health in children and youth. The main objective is to gain a feeling of competence and safety in coping with mental health problems of their children and youth.
Benefits for target group/s (max. 5 bullets)	 low threshold access from at home or at work varying topics, so caretakers can educate themselves for current challenges free of charge
Unique Selling Point What makes your digital MHPSS service special/relevant?	 different topics regarding mental health presented by experts newly organized topics are oriented by current needs from the target group possibility for questions and discussions with experts and with peers
Specific barriers along the way (max. 3 bullets)	None





Specific facilitators along the way (max. 3 bullets)	None
Business model, finances, donors (internal/external) who have financially contributed to the development of the MHPSS service	None
Experiences, user stories, quotes or feedback from stakeholders (max. 5 bullets)	- "Very competent lecturer with practice-oriented content." - "Thank you for the helpful input on how to talk with youth about the topic." - "There has been some good advice on how to cope with self-harming behavior and how to begin a conversation with the affected person."
Links	https://www.jugendrotkreuz.at/kindergarten-schule- lernen/psychische-erste-hilfe



Details

Languages, in which the digital MHPSS service is available	□ English□ French□ Spanish□ Arabic☑ Others: German
Did you work in collaboration regarding your digital MHPSS service? If yes, with whom did you partner?	 □ Other in-house departments: □ Partner NS □ ICRC □ IFRC □ NGO □ Government (ministry of health, ministry of social affairs etc.) □ Private sector □ United nations agencies □ Academia ☒ No collaborations □ Others:
Geographical region where the service is accessible	 □ Africa □ Asia & Pacific ⋈ Europe & Central Asia □ Middle East (MENA/NAMEH) □ The Americas
Level of the MHPSS Framework (<u>link</u>)	Basic psychosocial support Psychological support Specialized mental health care Psychological support Internal formental health care Psychological support Irealment for mental health conditions Psychological detress and mental health conditions Apprendix, Skils, and competencies Promotion of further sychological detress and mental health conditions Approximately supports Promotion of positive mental health conditions Promotion of positive mental health conditions Approximately support No of People Needing Support



Target group of the digital MHPSS service	 □ Children & adolescents □ Older persons □ Families of missing persons □ Family of persons with mental health conditions, including alcohol and substance abuse □ Persons with physical health issues □ Indigenous persons □ Migrants □ Refugees & internally displaced persons □ Prisoners and/or their families & post-release detainees □ People affected by violence □ People affected by war and armed conflict □ People who are homeless □ People who are lonely □ LGBTQ □ Community helpers □ Staff & volunteers ☑ Others: Teachers and other caretakers
Format What type of service are you providing? (e.g., peer-to-peer, self-help, hybrid/blended with face-to-face interactions, minimally guided, VR therapy, e-learning)	The online network-meetings are held via Zoom and allow participants an interaction with experts and the possibility to share best-practice experiences on peer level via break-out sessions.
Evaluation & effectiveness How has the digital MHPSS intervention been, is being or will be evaluated (monitoring, research,)?	We constantly monitor the numbers of participants for every meeting and topic, as well as conducting a feedback questionnaire.
Platform Through which channels do you provide your service?	 □ Website □ Progressive Web App □ Native app (Android/iOS) □ VR solution ☑ Teams/Skype/Zoom, other online-communication tools: □ WhatsApp, Telegram, other chat-tools: □ Other:
How to access your digital MHPSS service	☐ App Stores





	 ☑ Link: upcoming network-meetings are announced here: https://www.jugendrotkreuz.at/kindergarten-schule-lernen/psychische-erste-hilfe □ Email to: □ Phone Number:
Timeline How long has your service existed? How long will it remain? (max. 500 signs)	The online network-meetings are a part of our program called "Psychische Erste Hilfe" (eng. "mental health first aid") and are held since one and a half year. For as long as there is the need for education regarding mental health topics in children and youth for caretakers, the service will remain.
Remarks:	None
Date of completion:	15.11.2023



