



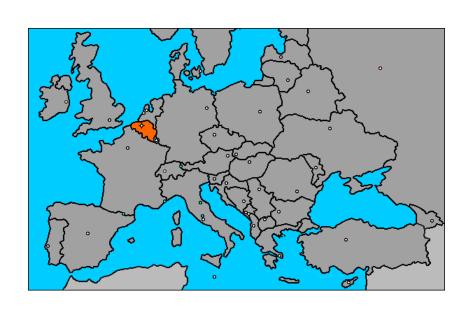
Family Justice Centers in Belgium

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FJCs in Belgium

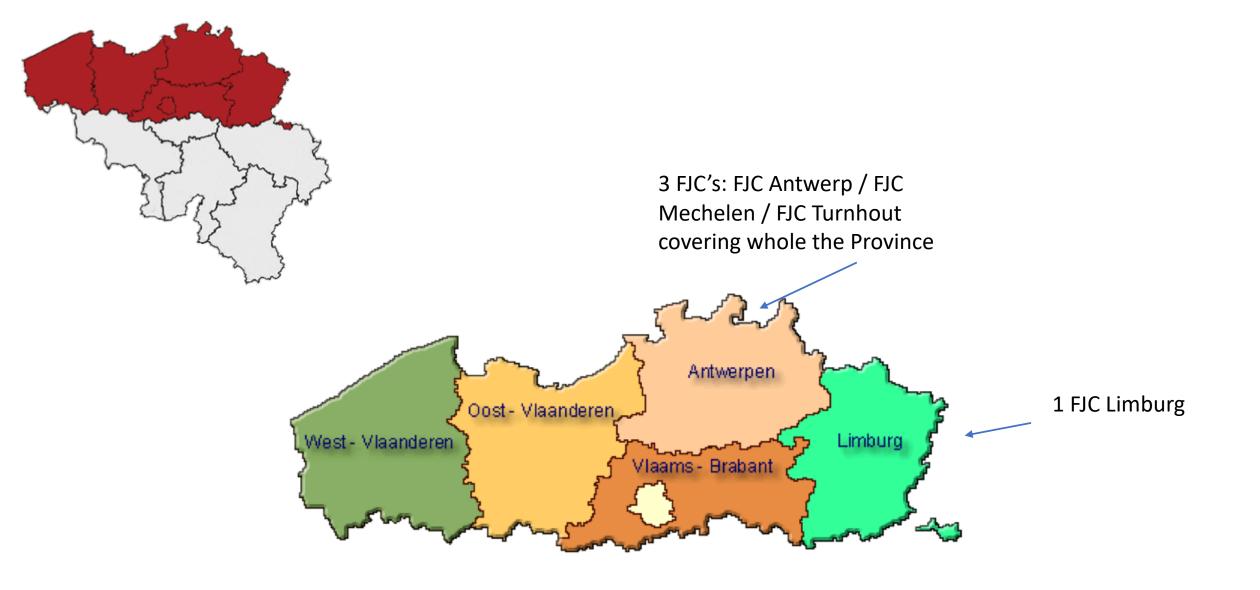


FJCs in action:

- Antwerpen: since 2014 (start up 2012)
- Mechelen: since April 2017 (start up 2013)
- Limburg: since November 2017 (start up 2015)
- Turnhout: start up November 2017

Stakeholders meetings 2018 for new FJCs:

- Brussels
- Namur









FJCs in Belgian policy

FJC recognised model, supported and enrolled by:

- Minister of Welfare, Health and Family
- Minister of Justice
- State Secretary of Gender Equality
- Minister of Internal Affairs
- Mayors, aldermen of the cities in the FJC regions

In 2017, FJC Antwerpen won the Belgian price of Best Project for Safety and Prevention









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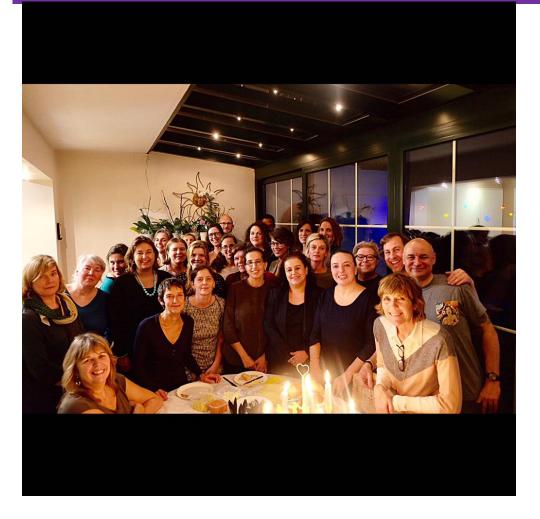


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On site partners in FJC Antwerpen:

- > 50 cooperators detached to the FJC
- + Experts intensive case management / High Risk team
- + cooperators of all services on case level







FJC Antwerpen: partner organisations on site

- Police
- Prosecutor's office
- Center for Welfare including Women's aid, Victim services, shelter and crisis team
- Center for child abuse
- Social Service of Youth Court
- Service for Youth Care
- Services for Social Welfare, including service for housing and job seeking
- Counseling
- Centre for mental health
- Probation
- Perpetrator programs
- Local and national authorities





Services FJC Antwerpen







High Risk team

- Strong and intensive case management, including police and justice department involvement
- Chain-approach model with strict scenario
- Police and justice: restraining orders, custody of perpetrators, safe houses for controlled parental visiting,..
- Into depth risk assessment and ongoing safety plannin
- Multidisciplinary approach with joined responsibility shared by all organisations on board
- No non-binding commitments
- Committed involvement of perpetrator work







Working on all live domains – empowerment:

- Aggression management
- Traumatic experiences
- Financial problems and debts
- Work related problems
- Relationship
- Housing
- Physical health
- Mental health
- Social network, isolation
- Drug and alcohol abuse

- Migration problems
- Psychological problems
- Education and child care
- Gender related problems
- Honor related problems
- Undocumented and refugee status
- Mental disorder
- ACEs





FJC Antwerp on site

- Peer groups for survivors
- Survivor support by voluntary cooperators
- Self-defense courses
- Services for migrants and asylumseekers
- Legal advice by lawyers
- Advice on debts

- Voices and storytelling
- Medical examination by trained GPs
- Welness: yoga, sport,...
- Social integration services
- Hope project 11-17
- Counseling female genital mutulation
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FJC Limburg







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FJC Mechelen





FJC Turnhout











Most Critical Successactor











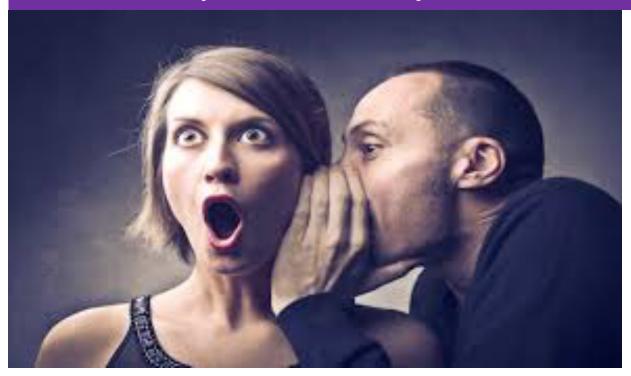


Most difficult bottleneck









Opposition behind the scenes
Scattering of untruths
Without any contact or exchange
Causing harm on purpose
=> power and control, money







FJC Antwerpen: Dream Big







Thank you for your attention



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