



# Anchor in Pori – Young people to the right track

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# Background

- The City of Pori and Pori police station wanted to make closer local co-operation
- Anchor activity is a part of internal security program
- Pori Anchor started 3rd of March 2014
- Target is to introduce Anchor model to the whole country during year 2014
- Pilot project will be enlarged to other West Finland cities

# Anchor in Pori

- Anchor model is based on multi-sectoral co-operation in which several public authorities are working together
- Anchor team consists of police officer, social worker and psychiatric nurse
- Team is placed in Pori police station
- Base population of Anchor operational area is approximately 100 000 inhabitants

# Anchor in Pori

- Target is to intervene and to stop child's or young person's crime spiral before it turns into more serious:
  - Local actions
  - Social support
  - Prevention of violence and crimes
  - Quickly and multi-professionally
- Extension of local co-operation in reduction of violence
- Increases and creates security

# Ankkuri kiinnittyi PORIIN



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# Facts

- Open co-operation
- Part of new local way to manage
- Every actor acts from its own starting point and according to its own legislative jurisdiction
- Parent / parents are always with minor when her/his case is processed

# Targets and objectives



- Early intervention in minors' criminal behaviour, comprehensive checking of young client's life situation and guidance to help and support
- Quick intervention to close relationship and family violence and comprehensive investigation of family situation as well as guidance to help and support
- Increase of internal security with the help of multiprofessional co-operation

# Early intervention

- Objective is to solve problems at early stage
- Utilization of completed and beforehand planned operational models targeted to different problem situations
- Working in pairs (collegial help)
- Problems tend to grow if not intervened
- Multiprofessional co-operation and change of information



# Clients route into Anchor activities



- Police
- Social stand-by service
- Education department of the City (curators, rectors)
- Other public authorities
- Parents
- Child/young person her/himself

# Police

- Pre-trial investigation of crimes done by minors
- Investigation of crimes done by minors who are under 15 years of age and young persons interviews
- Pre-trial investigation of family and close relationship violence
- Co-operation with schools
- Colleague (work in pairs) in child welfare meetings
- Consultation
- Expert and training services

# Social worker

- Responsible for taking care of child welfare notifications and for estimating the need for child welfare
- Responsible for estimating the need for child welfare in new family and close relationship violence cases
- Comprehensive evaluation of family and guidance to appropriate support services
- Co-operation with local social workers in further steps of child welfare
- Participation in hearings and young persons interviews
- Consultation
- Expert and training services

# Psychiatric nurse

- Evaluates clients' mental condition and use of intoxicants as well as possible need for therapy/care
- Makes sure that clients receive appropriate services
- Colleague (work in pairs) in taking care of child welfare notifications and for estimating the need for child welfare
- Works individually with young persons and with their parents
- Works individually in close relationship and family violence cases
- Consultation
- Expert and training services

# Youth counsellor

- Works together with social worker in estimating the need for child welfare in minors' crime cases as well as in family and close relationship violence cases
- Comprehensive estimation of family's situation and guidance to appropriate support services
- Co-operation with local social workers in further steps of child welfare
- Participation in hearings and interviews
- Consultation
- Expert and training services

# Special youth worker

- Youth worker has a role in Anchor clients' small-group activities
- Organizes:
  - Youth center activities
  - Street patrols
  - Different happenings



# Anchor café

- Get-together for those organizations and persons working with young persons in Pori and in surrounding municipalities
- Information channel, planning of happenings etc.
- On the first Thursday in every month in Pori Youth Center cafeteria



# University evaluation

- University of Tampere, Pori Unit
- Project and case evaluation as well as comprehensive evaluation
- Information and data collected from planning phase to execution phase
- Data:
  - statistics, official and unofficial interviews, survey, documents, reports/dissertations, and observation, Hot spots, etc.





# University evaluation

- Networked, multisectoral and long-term way of working
- Pori Anchor model has proved its functionality (quantitatively and qualitatively)
- Future of the model is promising
  - Preventive
  - Quick and early intervention
  - Culture of multiprofessionalism
- Effects, relevance and results are predictable
- Continuous improvement of the model



# University evaluation

- Effectiveness/ relevance:
- Interventions
- Common understanding of continuous actions
- Leading to actions (Anchor)
- Development of network actions
- Plan for new operational areas (Risk of serious violence prevention - Marak, working place violence, etc.)



Statistics

3.3.-31.12.2014

# Under 18 years of age

## Age and gender distribution

• Age	Number	Girls	Boys
• 0-9	8	1	7
• 10-14	74	7	67
• 15-17	70	12	58
All	152	20	132

# Under 18 years of age

## Share of crime types (all 152):

• Assaults, minor assaults	17
• Crimes against property (shoplifting, theft)	44
• Damage to property	23
• Drugs using	17
• Drug crime	2
• Sexual crime	3
• Drink driving	3
• Others (traffic crimes, disturbs, no crime reports etc.)	43

# Close relationship violence



- Assaults, minor  
Assaults 62  
(between adults 60, adult/child 2)
- Child welfare notifications 96
- Child welfare client cases 9
- Estimations of the need for child welfare actions 92

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