

Our Projects



ABOUT US

Dunkelziffer wants to help, inform and network as well as to do its utmost to improve the protection of the victims.

Unfortunately, daily reports in the press, TV and radio demonstrate again and again that sexual abuse of children is a horrifying part of everyday life in Germany. We are trying to alert the public to this taboo topic. In this we are strongly supported by many newspapers and magazines, who report on our projects and publish our advertisements, free of charge. Advertising agencies also help us with our campaigns.

For many years now Dunkelziffer e.V. has been recognized and established among experts. We offer counselling and advanced training at special conferences as well as lectures at educational and cultural events.

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We protect children and assist victims. Dunkelziffer helps quickly and efficiently, works preventively and offers nationwide projects.

DUNKELZIFFER PROJECTS

All projects are financed exclusively from donations and fines. No demands whatsoever are made on governmental assistance. For those seeking advice we offer counselling and immediate help. From all over Germany, more than 1500 enquiries for help reach us annually – by telephone and e-mail. The offer to support is not only directed at girls and boys who are subjected to sexual violence, but also at those adults responsible for protecting children. Together with those seeking help we work on initial solutions and assist in further steps. Upon request we offer personal counselling at our Hamburg premises. Dunkelziffer also offers special counselling and support as well as school projects for boys from 10 to 16 years.

Music therapy uses the inextricable link between music and emotional experience to get or restore mental health.

Child therapy helps children in processing their traumatic experiences and giving them new courage to face life again. Four therapists are currently accompanying 30 girls and boys aged between 4 and 16 years in individual sessions on a weekly basis.

The Child Therapy is free of charge

Prevention

– in the kindergarten with “Löwi Löwenstark”

For children in this age group, their parents, educators and practitioners, we have developed a picture book with accompanying educational materials. For Kita-teams and parents we offer information and training.

– at elementary schools with Little Lion

The project is intended for elementary school children, their parents and teachers. Using the slogan “Little Lion makes children strong”, girls and boys learn basic safety rules and receive age-appropriate information about sexual abuse. Parent-teacher meetings and teacher trainings are further components of this project. The focus is on three plays for children:

- The Family Album
- The Great No-Can
- My body belongs to me!

All plays can be performed nationwide.

– for adolescents with “I will tell”

This play, a dramatic monologue, is aimed at students starting at 9th grade. It is also very well suited for an adult audience. It is offered nationwide.

– for advanced classes

The first click – online-chats can be a risk

In class projects, trainings for proponents and parent-teacher meetings we inform about the risks of new media and provide safety rules. For schools we have developed teaching materials starting at 5th grade.

– for other cultures: parental letters in Arabic, Persian, Russian and Turkish

For people from other cultures, there is only little

information about child abuse and related auxiliary services. With this brochure we want to inform and empower children and reduce fear of contact. In many states Dunkelziffer, free of charge, provides solicitors for sexually abused children. The children and their spokesmen gain security and support by the prompt legal representation even before the offence has been officially reported. More than 50 solicitors are committed to the girls and boys of Dunkelziffer.

– for professional groups working with children and young people, we offer professional training.

– for criminal investigators, judges and public prosecutors

Since 1996 we have been offering our internet seminars against child pornography in digital networks. For 25 participants each, they are held three times a year. Up until now more than 1250 participants from all over Germany have been trained. With this nationally-unique project Dunkelziffer succeeds in strengthening all those professional groups who are involved in the investigation in the united combat against child pornography. In this way, the organization has established an interdisciplinary and supra-regional forum with a fast flow of communication.

– for judges

In order to protect young victims during witness interviews a special training of the judges is required. We are convinced that informed judges get easier access to children. That’s why we are providing special seminars.