
Cooperation agreement on the integration of prisoners and people in preventive detention in Germany

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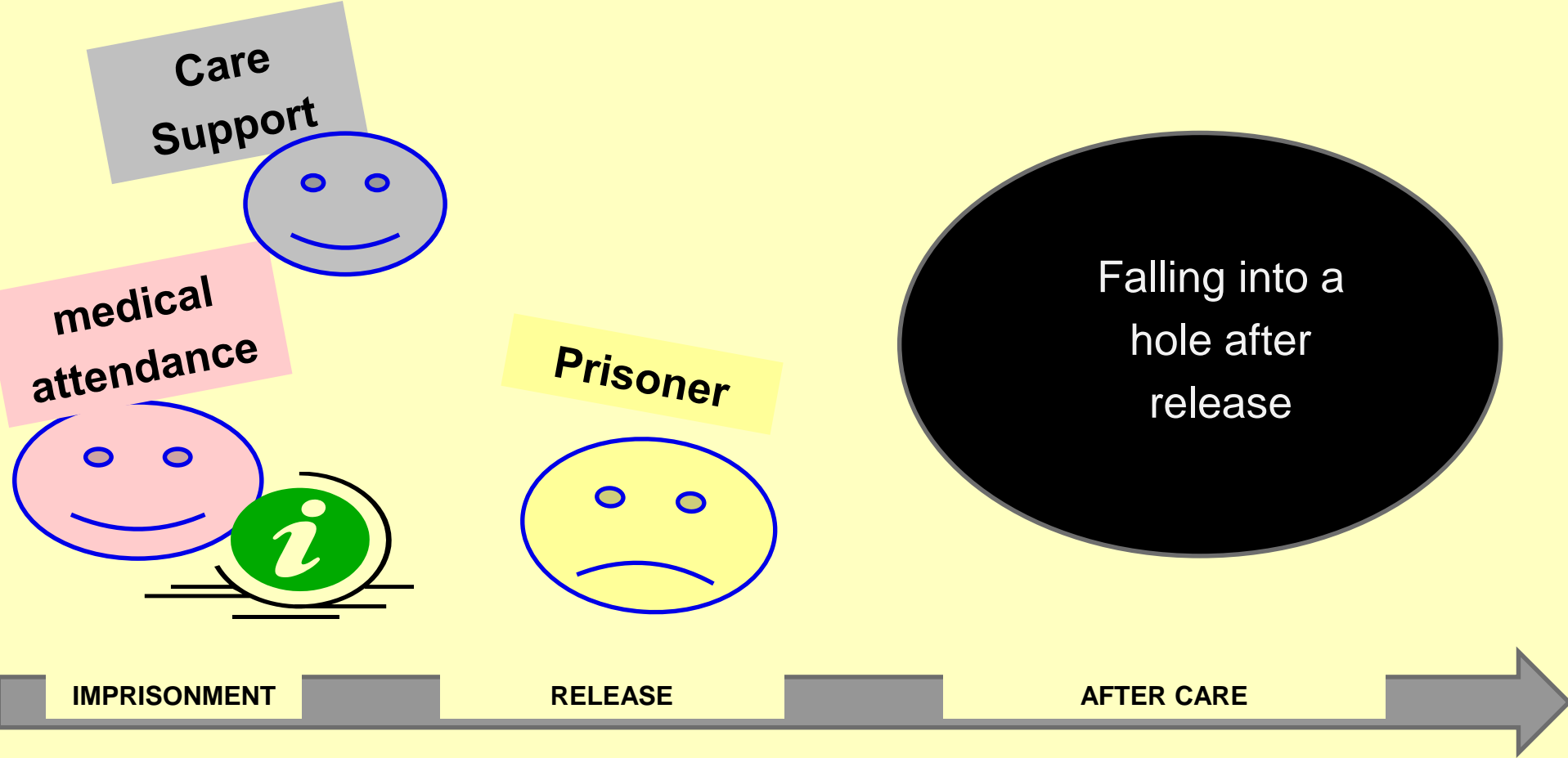
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Introduction



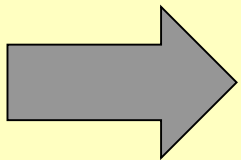
Efforts of resocialization in the “prison regime“ (1)

- Bundling the competences of prison regime and probation service in one department in the ministry of justice
- New conception of the preparation of release between the probation service and the social service in the prison regime
- Law for the release management

Efforts of resocialization in the “prison regime“ (2)

Release management projects in private sponsorship

- after care project “Chance“,
- project “ZAP“,
- debt counselling,
- drug advice,
- school and vocational education,
- “parents – child – project“,
- project “work instead of going to jail“

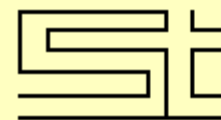


**effective and good cooperation between prison
regime, probation service and private organisations**



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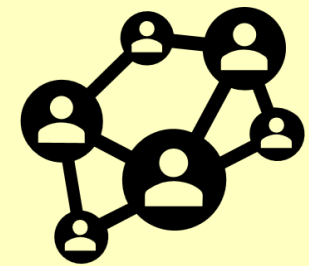


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What was missing?

Obligatory and state-wide cooperation and networking with further institutions involved in the social reintegration process.



Initial considerations

- Early involvement of other institutions necessary for a successful reintegration
- Networking and cooperation of available offers of help
- Guarantee of an “interlinked preparation for release“

Frameworks and targets



Legal requirements



Target group: all people about to be released in the Baden – Württemberg prison regime



Target: release in secured conditions

Main focus of the cooperation agreement

communication

local
networking

employment

financial
protection

housing

debt

Content of the cooperation agreement (1)

communication

designation of permanent
contact persons

**local
networking**

local meetings and local
cooperation

Content of the cooperation agreement (2)

employment

- range of services of the local employment agency
- initiation of mediation activities
- personal advice in prison
- consulting of the prison organisation

Content of the cooperation agreement (3)

financial protection

- preparation of an application for benefits in prison
- arrangement of a meeting after release
- prompt notice of performance

Content of the cooperation agreement (4)

housing

- target: keeping their home in case of short imprisonment
- notice of performance in prison

debt

- cooperation with debt counselling
- a new project created!

Excursus:

project debt counselling in prison regime

- special risk of relapse
- competence: basic social care in the prison
- in difficult cases: support from the new project
- project is promoted by the Assistance for Former Offenders “Straffälligenhilfe“
- state-wide in Baden-Württemberg since January, 1 2018

Realisation of the cooperation agreement

- conclusion of the agreement: December 2016
- beginning with over 200 peoples on 8 March 2017
- designation of permanent contact persons done; list in the internet
- constant meetings with local cooperation partners; partially local contracts
- 2 meetings of a state-wide steering group
- beginning evaluation

Evaluation

- Steps

 - 1st step: online interview of all partners

 - 2nd step: experts -interviews

 - 3rd step: interview with prisoners

1st and 2nd step are completed

- Interim result: Cooperation has proved to be very useful

 - Substantial improvements in many areas

 - Further need for improvement

 - for example: faster information flow, more personal contact and networking; standardisation of process flows

First results of the evaluation

- 93% contact person is known
(only 62 % before)
- 40% effectiveness and removing
bureaucratic barriers
- 88% cooperation agreement makes sense



Thank you for your interest

