Development in adolescence – A prospective longitudinal program to study teenager’s social network, substance misuse, psychological health and school adjustment

Professor Arne Gerdner is program manager. One project within the program is implemented by CHILD-researchers. Children and adolescents with long-term illness or disability rate their health and mental health lower than other children. A diagnosis, does not predict the individual’s functioning in school, with family and with peers, nor does it predict use of drugs. Knowledge is needed concerning factors that influence health and mental health for these children. The overall aim of the project is to, from a bio-psycho-social perspective, identify factors that over a six year period influence functioning in school, with family and with peers as well as drug use for children that are 12-13 years old at the beginning of the project period.

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