

SSPF –Collaboration between school, social services, police and free-time activity centers Together for secure conditions for growing up in Kalmar municipality

In Kalmar municipality, schools, social services, police and free-time activity centers (SSPF) are working together to prevent youth criminality and to help youth that are at risk for criminality.

What is SSPF?

SSPF is a voluntary collaboration which is directed towards families and youth between 10 and 16 years old.

Purpose and goals for SSPF-cooperation

The purpose with the cooperation is to take preventive steps early on with youth between 10 and 16 years old, who are at risk of ending up in delinquency and criminality. Together with parents/guardians, youth and other collaborators, we work together to contribute to a positive development for any young person that there is early concern about. The goal is for young people in the municipality to have a functioning school experience and to live a life free from criminality and drugs.

The concern may be, for example:

- high absenteeism in school
- disruptive behavior
- criminal actions
- concern about peer/companion relationships
- use of alcohol and/or drugs
- concern that the youth is putting himself/herself at risk or is exposed to inappropriate environments.

Are you concerned for a child or young person?

If you feel worried for someone near you, you can contact our SSPF-coordinator for consultation.

SSPF-coordinator calls a network meeting

The coordinator contacts the parents/guardians and together the network meeting is planned. The opportunity is there to invite others who can contribute, such as relatives or other professionals. The purpose of the network meeting is to get a picture of the young person's situation and together with the family, try to find out what support may be needed.

Examples of support measures:

- **Support to parents/guardians:** Social services can offer support discussions as well as parental support groups.
- **Support for the child/youth:** Social services can offer support discussions about the current situation, as well as provide targeted support to help stop drug use or to motivate them to leave risk filled environments. Social services can even do outreach work and offer calls home to parents/guardians.
- **Support from the school:** Support can be homework help, conversations with a counsellor/mentor, and if necessary, an adjusted study program.
- **Cooperation in the event of a crime:** The police can help to take notice if your child or youth is socializing in undesirable environments. The police can contribute with a supportive contact and can be available for outreach.
- **Help finding a leisure time activity:** Your child or young person can get a lot of enjoyment in a regular leisure activity.

Other support if needed

Sometimes your child or young person needs other support. Then the coordinator can help you with contacting more people.

Parents/Guardians need to authorize the release of confidentiality.

SSPF-cooperation is based on the written authorization from parents/guardians that employees in schools, social services, police and free-time activity centers may exchange the information about the youth needed to work together.

More information can be found on Kalmar municipality's website.

Contact information to Kalmar municipality's SSPF-coordinator:

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