Im Einsatz für Menschen mit Depression



Unterstützt vom Kanton Zug

Campaign «Mentally III? No Stigma!»



Incidence of Mental Illness (OBSAN 2008 / 2012) Psyche krank? Kein Tabu!

Point of Departure

- 48% i.e almost every other person suffers from a mental breakdown once in a life time.
 (Mostly anxiety and affective disorders, especially depressions.
- At some point in life almost everybody is confronted directly with mental illness, be it in the family, at work or at leisure.
- The sum of these experiences grows on the basis of the often chronic character of mental illness as one ages.



Stigma-Problems

Studies on Depression prove the stigma problem:

- Treatment is sought too late or not at all 30% 45% of depressed patients are ashamed to seek help (Barney 2006)
- Treatment is stopped

The patient becomes aware of stigma > stops taking antidepressive medication after 3 months. (Strey 2001)

Lack of Knowledge

Willingness to seek help against depression depends on having a positive attitude and knowledge of mental illness. (Rüsch 2009)



Goals of the Campaigne

1. Eliminate Stigma

- Create public awareness for the unpopular subject with an appealing approach.
- Normalize mental illness without trivializing it.
- Contribute to openness about the subject. Get people to talk about depression, mania, schizophrenia, etc.



Goals of the Campaign

- 2. Increase Knowledge and Change Attitude and Behavior toward Mental Illness in a positive manner.
 - Remove myths (untreatable, dangerous, hopeless)
 - Decrease fear and prejudice; lower the threshold when dealing with patients
 - Effects:
 - Improved early recognition
 - Professional treatment in a timely manner
 - Better social reintegration



Strategy

- Establish mental illness clearly as an illness (not as a "problem")>
 Slogan/Logo: "Mentally ill? No Stigma!"
- The sick person is the central point of the campaign, not the illness. > We do not destigmatize the illness but the person who suffers from the illness.
 - > Nobody should be reduced to his illness:
 Not: "a Depressive", but "a person suffering from Depression".
- Cooperation with the Minister of Health
- Seek many partners to implement the campaign: communities, companies, media, associations, individuals.



3 Key Messages of the Campaign

Mental Illness bears no Stigma!

- Nobody needs to be ashamed or hide in darkness
 - > Assure Safe Environment when addressing the issue
 - > Come out of the closet, also publicly

It concerns every other person.

Mental Illness surrounds us

Address Mental Illness in a timely manner.

- What may look like an awkward event or may signal an illness. Question whether a person is just having "a bad day" or whether more is at stake.
- Vicious circle: Shame > Isolation > things get worse > also for the family

Basic Pillars



1. Establish goal groups

- Start 2013: Publicity > focus on the public at large
- Focus groups > working population, youth, seniors, disadvantaged > especially men
- Professionals > Psychiatrists, Psychologist, General Practitioners
- Patients and their families
- **2.** Clear Messages > keep it simple
- 3. Tone: Positive, involving, matter of fact
- 4. Measures: low threshold, modular, adaptable, easily available



The creative idea

Easy to understand

- Strong, friendly, involving, bright; not: dark, sad, reproaching
- High Identification
- Pick up people at their own reactive points, weak moments
 > easy access, brings subject closer
- Irritation / Curiosity: "Replacing-Idea"
 - > No sad looking faces
 - > Make the medium talk
 - Poster, Advertisement, Folder says: "I am…"
 - Connect to the observer, who, as a person is experiencing the same feelings

















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Im Einsatz für Menschen mit Depression



2014: "Focus Job"

Mental Illness in Numbers in the Working World



Starting point

In addition to the personal suffering of patients and their families the economic numbers are also alarming:

• ca. 15 Billion CHF is the annual cost of mental illness;

more than 50% are consequence expenses such as loss of

productivity, missed work and early retirement

• +120% The number of persons getting mentally ill and their

inability to work have more than doubled in the past 10

years

+100% Physically ill people on average lose 11 days of work.

Mentally ill people on average lose 22.5 days.

Goals



- Destigmatize mental illness, reduce fear of contact > positive, involving tone of the campaign
- Better early recognition, fewer suicides
- Reach out and offer help > offer "first aid" stations
- Improve company climate, improve satisfaction of employees
- Strengthen and gain productivity
- Reduce the costs of absentism



Future Expectations

- 1. July 2014, Baar: Conference "Stress, Burnout, Depression no stigma at the work place"
- Later in the year: Launch Campaign-Phase 2 "Focus Job"
 - Hotline (with Triage-Function)
 - Info-Material: Brochures, Web-Texts, Stickers, etc.
 - Case Studies / Speeches by professionals and "experience experts" (patients).