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CHILDREN'S CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS IN THE DIGITAL WORLD, WHEN STAYING IN A CRISIS CENTRE

Presentation of the Crisis centre in Salten's knowledge-based experiences and practices about how children who live in crisis centres are restricted in the digital world because of threats from perpetrators of violence.

BACKGROUND

In 2021, as many as 1,442 children, and one of their caregivers, fled to one of Norway's crisis centres. 51 % of these children were between the ages of 6 and 18. These are children who have experienced being directly exposed of or witness to violence from someone in their close relationship. They have left their home, their neighbourhood and their friends.

PRESENTATION

Children who come to a crisis centre need to maintain an normal everyday life. Contact with friends through digital arenas is becoming more important than ever, and much of the information today is channelled through these arenas. What happens when the perpetrator desperately uses the digital arena to find the child and the caregiver? A consequence of this is that the child, often in an acute phase, is severely restricted in its digital world and bears the responsibility for something the child has not chosen.

We want to focus on the challenges that we experience children are being exposed to, digital attacks from perpetrators of violence, and how restrictions on this area affect the child. We will also present specific situations that are particularly challenging for the child and the caregiver. Finally, we will share our experiences with how to reduce the burden on the child.



PRESENTATION

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