

The SSP system in DK

A formalized cooperation between
Schools – **S**ocial services – **P**olice

The programme:

- Presentation
- A short history of SSP
- How is SSP organised nationally (the SSP-Council)
- The challenges and dilemmas for SSP
- Questions in 3 groups



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A short history of SSP

- Long tradition for cooperation between the schools and police in Denmark
- An increase in Youth Crime up to the middle of the 70´ties
- The SSP-system (Schools – Social Services – Police) was formalized in 1975, in order to develop more efficient methods of crime prevention
- No SSP – law, but **strict rules** for handling information between the 3 co-participants in order to protect the rights of the involved youth
- Information gathered from SSP-meetings may not be used by the Police in ongoing investigations.

SSP - a unique model

Aim: - to prevent and reduce crime and related risk behavior among young people by working together as early as possible.

- We work cross-sectionally within the municipalities, using best practice from our different professions and methods
- We don't want to punish. SSP is a system of aid to the young people and their parents
- Main target group is 6-18 years but we continue up to 25 years in SSP +

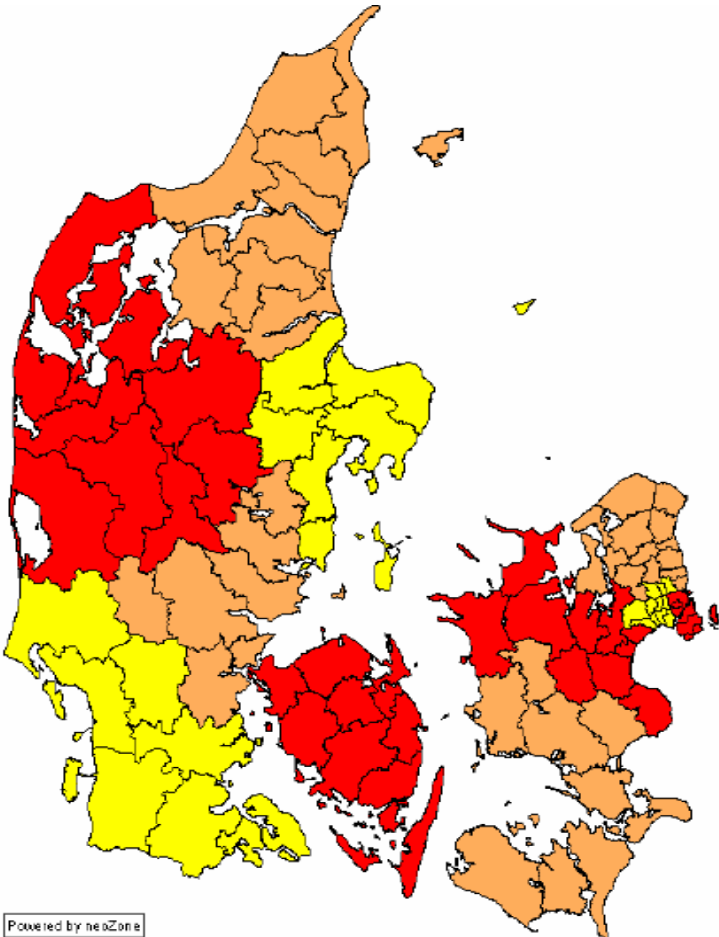
SSP – logo from Silkeborg

- Logo was created by a 15 years old girl, when we started in 1985 in Silkeborg



The Good SSP-job





SSP in Denmark

- **98 municipalities** with their own SSP-model
- **12 police districts** with a police commander in chief
- **The SSP-Council** with 95 municipalities as members and divided into 12 SSP-districts equated to the police-districts

The SSP-Council: Aim and Mission

We want to support crime prevention work on local, regional and national level

- We do it by creating networks between local players and other participants within the area of SSP
- The SSP-Council cooperates with authorities, politicians and other central players to create an optimal framework for SSP work in Denmark

SSP-Council: Actions and efforts

- We are a dynamic organisation with a flow between all the participants in SSP – high level of information
- We want to share knowledge, experiences and new methods. – 4 annual meetings in the SSP-districts
- We want to be the main player in qualifying people for the SSP-job – A SSP-basic qualification has been created

**We want to lift local experiences
to a national practice**

The SSP-Council

- Organisation of SSP-consultants, SSP-coordinators and others in the SSP-area.
- The Municipal representative is a member of SSP-council (we are now 95 members)
- Divided into 12 SSP-districts
- Executive Committee with 14 members
- Annual meeting (Congress) with more than 200 persons
- Website: www.ssp-samraadet.dk and a Facebook-Group with 100 mb.
- Activities both national and regional
- Changing knowledge and methods

The SSP-Council - partners

- The Danish Crime Prevention Council
- The National Board of Health
- The Ministry of Justice
- Other Ministries (Social and Integration, Education etc.)
- Universities and sections for youth problems and investigations
- NGO – movements
- And many more

The job as SSP-consultant

- Crime prevention
- Prevention of abuse (drug, alcohol)
- Cross disciplinary cooperation
- Projects
- Co-ordination
- Parents cooperation and information
- Campaigns
- Education
- Building up the SSP organisation and network
- Maintenance of the SSP organisation and network
- Knowledge gathering
- The multi cultural dimension
- Vacation and spare time activities
- Attitude work
- Children and youth advice
- Evaluation
- Information about SSP
 - On local basis
 - On regional basis
 - On national basis

It is a hard, but also complexed and interesting job to be a SSP consultant.

The Local SSP - work



Organised in different ways in 3 models:

Small cities - Coordination-group and local-groups and 1 (often part time) SSP-consultant

Middle size – Executive committee – coordination group and local-groups and 1-3 SSP-consultants

Big cities - Executive committee – secretariat– coordination group and local-groups and a numbers of SSP-consultants

Dilemmas and challenges in SSP

- All 3 participants in SSP have obligations in relation to crime prevention. But they have different cultures and traditions.
- Great variation in resources and manpower to do the SSP-job around in Denmark
- The local need for and use of SSP is very different.
- There is competition between the players in the area of prevention for resources
- The New Model , with focus on the Safety, development, prevention and less on the CRIME-PREVENTION, gives more work for SSP.
- New Paradigm: From focus on the Criminal Youth to **“A good life for all”**

Some pictures

