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A questionnaire on the corona crisis of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to give our opinion associated with a questionnaire on the corona crisis of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women.

In order to prevent violence it's really important to help both – victims and perpetrators. Maria Academy (NGO) has a violence prevention work for female perpetrators (Violence can be prevented -program©).

Violence can be prevented – programs© practical goals are to; help women to stop violent behavior, break the taboo of violence by women, raise awareness of the origins and dynamics of violence and prevent violence towards the self and others in families, communities and societies. The programs theory and model can be applied at the individual, family, community and societal level to prevent violent behaviour and transmission of abusive tendencies across family generations.

Awareness of own inner scripts opens the path of hope and self-knowledge. The quality of interaction and attachment in infancy and early childhood is a human right and an issue of equality demanding social responsibility and action.

Maria Academy's web-based program naisenvakivalta.fi:

CHAT – anonymous, text-based conversations, 3x /week, 3h at time, professionals and volunteers.

VIDEO – discussions, with booking, with professional, 1-5x.

ONLINE GROUPS – video, lead by professional, 15x, once a week. Commitment required.

INFO – on web page general info, stories and support.

There has been an increase in the number of Maria Academy's helpline chat-contacts in the context of COVID-19 pandemic. We noticed that it wasn't so easy to make a call by phone because of lockdown when all the family members were at home and that's why it was important to increase the number of chat times. Also all the one to one -meetings and group meetings were arranged online.

For further information please contact us.

We will be happy to tell you more about the results and impact of our operations.

Sincerely,

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