



Training practitioners and policy makers in Kyrgyzstan, Central Asia

About Mentor International

Mentor International is the co-ordinating focal point for Mentor's global work and development.



HM The Queen of Sweden opens Mentor's fundraising gala, Los Angeles



Colombianitos: a Mentor Award winning project in Bogotá, Colombia



Mentor's award winning global website



Mentor International provides Drug Prevention training for the UN in Central Asia



HRH Prince Turki bin Talal bin Abdulaziz al Saud launches Mentor Arabia

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There are four major areas of work undertaken by Mentor International:

1. Establishment, support and co-ordination of Mentor National and Regional operations globally within the Mentor family:

Mentor Nationals and Regional entities have been established in:

- Sweden (1997)
- USA (1997)
- Germany (1998)
- UK (1999)
- Colombia (2001)
- Austria (2002)
- Lithuania (2004)
- Belgium (2006)
- Mentor Arabia: Regional operation for 22 Gulf and North African countries (2006)

Plans for new Nationals are in preparation including potential developments for Mentor in China, Italy, South Africa and Venezuela.

Collaboration with existing national organisations undertaking work in prevention is another way in which Mentor International supports international activity

2. Provision of a global website - www.mentorfoundation.org - with National and Regional components in order to provide:

- information on Mentor
- a competence centre to inform best and promising practice in prevention
- information on Mentor's prevention work and projects
- an on-line prevention programme for parents (in preparation)
- specific principles and information on promising and "best practice" prevention work (in preparation)

And to

- identify, share and disseminate information on prevention work and approaches nationally and globally

Mentor's website is a global award winner. It is in the process of developing its availability in different languages. Although the current target groups encourage general use, in particular practitioners and policy makers, new material targeting particular groups, for example young people, is in process.

3. Undertaking and supporting specific prevention and youth protection projects or provide consultancy inputs on prevention

Examples of Mentor International's recent work in this area include:

- Lessons Learned in Drug Abuse Prevention: A Global Review (for UNODC, 2003)
- International Guidance for Drug Education (publication for UNODC, 2004)
- Consultancy support and workshops for prevention developments in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan (for UNODC, 2006)
- Coastal and Ex-Mining Areas Project (CEMA) (for/with Mentor UK, 2005-7)
- Prev. on-line for parents (in process 2005-)
- Towards Best Practice (in process 2006 -)

4. Developing partnerships, networks, maintain links and collaborate with key global, regional and national organisations and agencies.

Mentor International acts in the following capacities:

- member of United Nations ECOSOC
- affiliated status with OAS/CICAD
- member of Pompidou Group Prevention Platform
- vice-chair of UN Vienna NGO Committee
- collaborative status with the Council of Europe
- formal memoranda of understanding with UNODC,
- collaboration with WHO and the Right Start Foundation

Mentor International is also:

- in the process of establishing a formal alliance with FIFA
- collaborating with IOC and WADA
- working in collaboration with the Global Education Fund in South Africa
- liaising with EMCDDA, the European Drug Monitoring Centre

Mentor International works and collaborates with a range of other partners including governments, the corporate sector and non-government agencies involved in the field of drug prevention.

Note: All of Mentor International's work is supported by a team of international professional experts in the field of drugs – its Scientific Advisory Network