

Symposium on Crisis and Disaster Psychology

# PSYCHOSOCIAL INTERVENTIONS AFTER SMALL SCALE INCIDENT WITH LARGE IMPACT

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Estimem  
**el treball**  
i volem **fer bé**  
**les coses**

We want to shape our future in  
our own responsibility

We love doing things and  
we want to do them right

## BACKGROUND

- A youth organization dedicated to the informal education of **15.000** boys and girls in Catalunya
- It is inspired by the movement founded by Baden Powell in the late nineteenth century, but in our country it had an important role during Franco's dictatorship
- It is divided into **150 local groups** called *agrupament* (gathering). Each group is stratified by age
- One of this local groups is located 25 north from Barcelona in a "little" town of 200.000 habitants
- The local groups starts their summer camp on July 18, 2016. The younger boys and girls, about 65 are located in La Pobla, the older one, between 14 and 16 with their guides starts a walking route through the Pyrenees
- This unit is composed of 18 adolescents and three guides



## THE ACCIDENT ITSELF

**Monday, July 18, 2016**

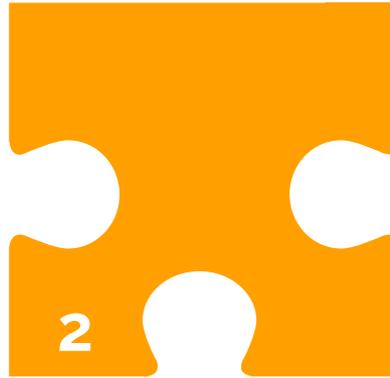
- 7:30 pm** – the group arrives at departure point of the route and starts to walk to the shelter .
- 8:30 pm** – the group arrives at a crossroad and ask a forest ranger.
- 10:45 pm** – Carla stumbles rushes down the ravine.
- 11:20 pm** – Mobile phones do not work. So one of the guides descends to be next to Carla, the other stays with the group and the third one goes back to find the point were she can make the emergency call
- 1:25 am** – the 112 receives the emergency call.
- 6:00 am** – the rescue team leaves with the helicopter to rescue Carla, but Carla has died more or less at sunrise.

# SCENARIOS



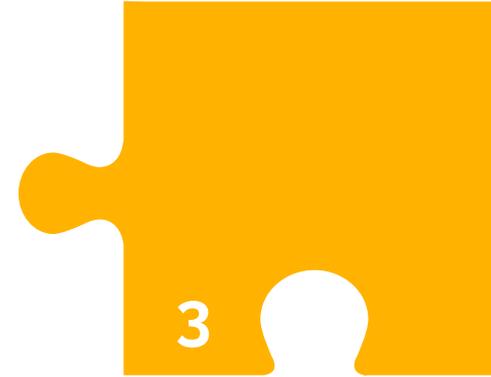
## **AÑISCLO**

Where they bring  
the 18 boys and  
girls directly  
involved



## **LA POBLA**

Where the other  
65 younger boys  
and girls are



## **SABADELL**

Where the  
families are

## INTERFERING VARIABLES

> **Media and social  
impact**

**01**

> **The timing of the  
summer camp.**

**04**  
SERVICE

> **5 public  
administrations**

**02**

> **Three different  
scenarios.**

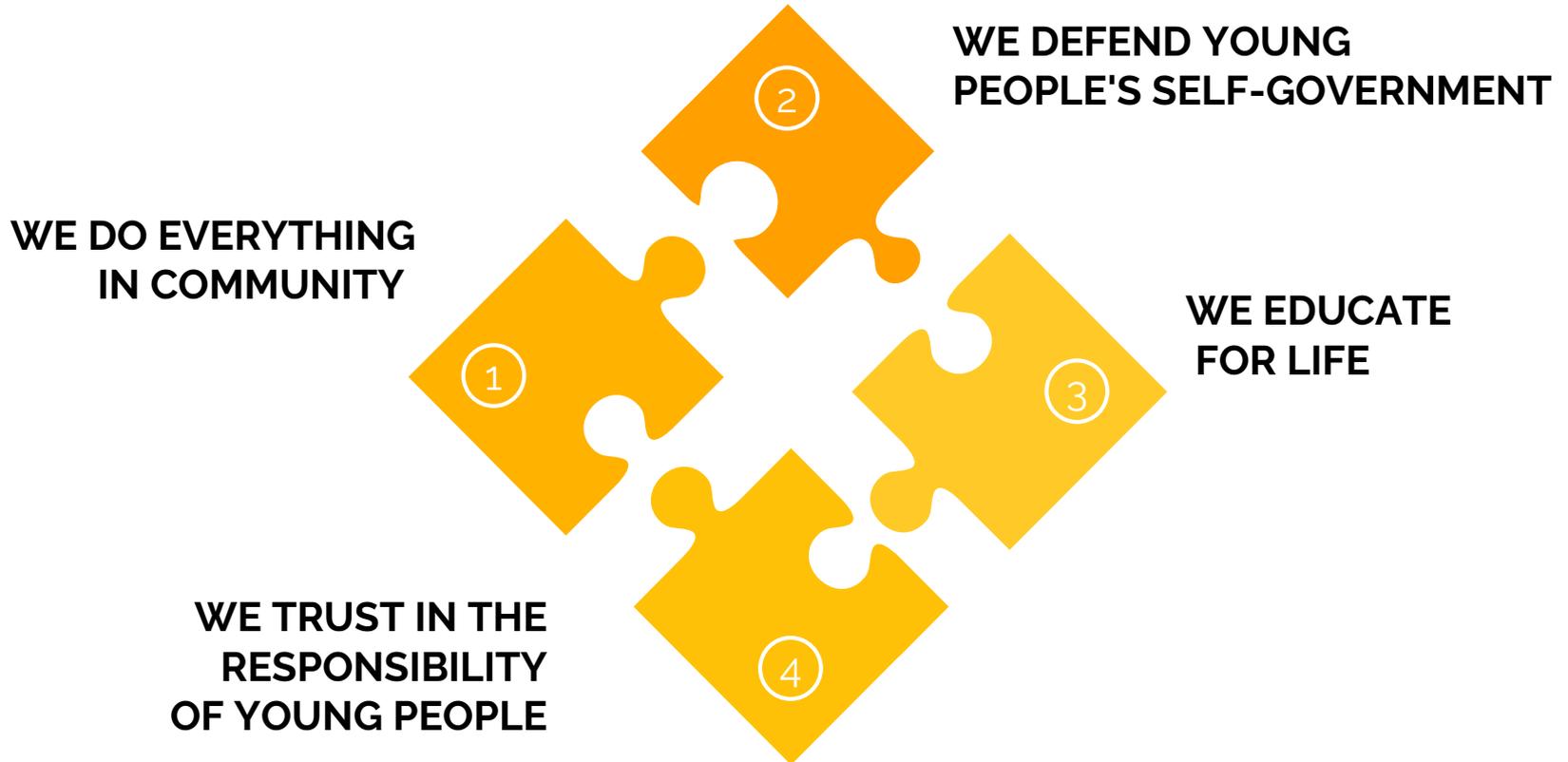
**05**

> **Importance of trust**

**03**

> **Legal implications**

**06**



## THE INTERVENTION / 1

### **Tuesday, July 19,**

- Meeting with the staff to start the intervention
- Coordination with other responder teams involved so far
- Informative meetings with the families of the adolescents of Añisclo
- Reception and hosting of the 18 adolescents in Sabadell

### **Wednesday, July 20,**

- Informative meetings with the families of the other boys and girls
- Reception of them as they arrive at Sabadell
- Meeting with the staff to plan next steps
- The whole group attends divided by ages to the mourning hall

### **Thursday, July 21,**

- The whole group and their families assist to the funeral
- Defusing with the three directly involved guides

## THE INTERVENTION / 2

### Friday, July 22,

- Simultaneous psycho-educational meeting with the younger boys and girls and their families
- Simultaneous psycho-educational meeting with the adolescents directly involved
- Defusing with the staff of the youth organisation

### Monday, July 25,

- Debriefing with the three guides
- Debriefing with the staff

### Thursday, July 28,

- The entire group goes on a field trip until Sunday. Last night some families join the youth, others to go up on Sunday. That day the camp closes with an act of farewell to Carla

### Later on we had three more meetings with the guides

## OUTCOME

- The organization and their guides were declared innocent at the trial
- The qualitative evaluation of children, monitors, administration and families is highly positive
- One adolescent needs psychiatric care for anxiety
- One family quits their membership
- In September, there was an increase of 18% in registrations in the group

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