



Emergency and Response Team regarding violence among children

Púlsinn (The Pulse) is an emergency and response team for children aged 10–18 who exhibit or threaten physical violence, and for their families. Púlsinn is a collaborative project between the municipalities in the capital area, the Reykjavik Metropolitan Police, and the National Agency for Children and Families.

Schools, youth centers, social and child welfare services, the police, and other child service providers can activate Púlsinn. The team works on a temporary basis for each child's case, ranging from a few days up to several weeks.

The goal of Púlsinn is to respond swiftly to violent behavior, provide support to the child and family, and prevent the risk of further violence. The team consists of social workers and a psychologist, as well as individual counselors and other staff members who provide support to children and their families.

For Púlsinn to intervene, the violence must have been intentional. The team's services are tailored to the specific needs of each child. These services may include, among other things, parental guidance within the home, support during school hours, temporary services outside of school during school hours, individual support, and psychological services for either the children receiving assistance from the team or their families.