VIEWS ON MEDICAL ABSENTEEISM IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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- Secondary schools (12-18) and Vocational Education (16-26)

- Collaboration
  - Student & Parents,
  - School,
  - Youth Healthcare Physician (YHP): consultation,
  - Municipal Attendance Officer: upholding attendance law.
MASS: MEDICAL ADVICE FOR SICK REPORTED STUDENTS

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Today at 15:30 - WORKSHOP 2
Reported sick from school: a challenge for Youth Health Care

- Collaboration
- Student & Parent

Roles

Criteria

Care

Leerplicht

MASS Works
PRIMARY EDUCATION

- Start of problems
- Attendance patterns
- School motivation & social conditions
- Copying MASS did not work
To find out if and how MASS should be adjusted to primary education

Need to know:
- If sickness absence is a problem
- What the current approach is
- What is missing & could be improved
METHODS

- Semi-structures group interviews
- Region: West North Brabant & Amsterdam – The Netherlands
- Participants

3 Special Education Needs Coordinators
3 Principals
3 Municipal Attendance Officers
5 YHCP’s
1 YHCN
4 Parents
RESULTS

Sickness Absence:

- Problem

- Sign
  - Physical & psychosocial
  - School vs. Home
  - Talking to parents

- Care vs control
RESULTS

Current Approach

- Unstructured
- Collaboration

- Signs → Problem Analysis → Solution
CONCLUSIONS

- Sickness absence
  - Seen & addressed
  - Problem analysis
  - Collaboration

- Changes to MASS:
  - Follow & improve school care structure.
    - Social worker / Psychologist
    - Teacher / SENC role
Sickness Absence is a sign of biopsychosocial problems

- Treat the problem, not the symptom!