



**Spazio Blu** is the Public Health Service in Milan that since 2000 takes care of juveniles who use drugs and have crimes.

***The most innovative and important aspect of our intervention concerns its timing***

Our group is composed of a multidisciplinary and professional team including: psychologists, social workers, educators, a psychiatrist, a nurse and a criminologist.

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The psychologist meets the underage offender before he meets the Judge. Currently, a juvenile offender who is arrested for blatantly apparent crime and is arrested on-the-spot, is sent to a place called Centro di Prima Accoglienza.

The psychological interview is characterized by a non-judgmental assessment that attempts to make sure that the contact of the minors with Justice System can become an opportunity to reflect upon their use of drugs and the offending behaviours

Despite the specific circumstances, we attempt to engage the patients in their own rehabilitation or treatment process.

The treatment path consists of individual counseling, peer group and parent group. In the end they pave their own path and they are able to care about themselves. We like to say “aver cura prima della cura”, which in Italian means “take care before treating”



*Thank you for your attention*

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