

**pro mente Austria is an Austrian umbrella organisation of associations and societies for mental and social health**

**Austrian Federation for Mental Health**

About our Organisation:

pro mente Austria currently has 24 member organisations, who are employing more than 4.600 people all over Austria. In general, we provide supply care work and services for people who are suffering from mental health issues. We focus on the improvement of high-quality-services towards medical, psychological, social and economic aspects as well as individual, person-oriented care, just as the Human Rights Charta and the UNCRPD tell us to.

Our services reach around 100.000 persons in need per year. The services are, for example, vocational training, supported employment, psychosocial consultation, prevention and care of addictions, day-structuring interventions in employment and leisure, as well as a wide range of residential and housing care. We especially encourage the empowerment of our target group as well as our voluntary helpers. A further important objective is the integration of disabled persons into society. pro mente Austria acts for the requests of its member organisations and tends to the rights people suffering from mental health problems.

Tasks and Objectives:

- Protection of basic rights of people suffering from mental health problems according to the Human Rights Convention of the United Nations and the UNCRPD.
- Protection of the financing of modern treatment, rehabilitation and independent living.
- Development and improvement of the structure in psychosocial care according to the needs of people suffering from mental health problems.
- Best treatment and rehabilitation based on state-of-the-art science for people experiencing psychiatric illnesses.
- Targeting stereotypes, prejudices and discriminations against people suffering from mental health problems.
- Implementation of state-of-the-art psychiatry in all provinces, based on scientific research.
- To create a standard of living arrangements for people suffering from mental health problems in the communities.

Main Tasks:

pro mente Austria stands for tolerance towards people suffering from mental health problems in all aspects of society. The targeting of prejudices against this vulnerable group of people is as well an issue as the fight against discrimination. Although 1 out of 3 people is confronted with mental illness during his/her lifespan, social and economical discrimination of people with psychiatric issues still is real.

Activities:

- Exchange of experiences, coordination and common activities of the member organisations.
- Cooperation with national and international organisations from the psychosocial spectrum.
- Influencing relevant laws and regulations on provincial and federal level.
- Discussing and working out new standards on the topics of work, education, honorary participation, finances, general management, public relations work and quality standards.
- National education programs.
- Common public relations work providing information about psychological illness and the anti-discrimination of the psychiatric issues.

Members:

1. Arcus Sozialnetzwerk gemeinnützige GmbH
2. Arge Sozialdienst Mostviertel
3. aks gesundheit GmbH
4. HPE Österreich, Hilfe für Angehörige und Freunde psychisch Erkrankter
5. pro mente tirol gemGmbH
6. Werkstätte „OPUS“
7. pro mente Burgenland
8. pro mente Oberösterreich
9. pro mente Plus
10. pro mente Salzburg
11. pro mente steiermark GmbH
12. pro mente Wien
13. pro mente Vorarlberg GmbH
14. pro mente kärnten GmbH
15. Soziale Dienste Burgenland GmbH
16. start pro mente gemGmbH
17. pro humanis
18. GFSG – Gesellschaft zur Förderung seelischer Gesundheit GmbH
19. pro mente Reha
20. PSN Psychosoziales Netzwerk gemGmbH
21. Psychosoziales Zentrum Voitsberg GmbH
22. RdK Steiermark
23. Hilfswerk Steiermark GmbH
24. Miteinander leben, Organisation für betreutes Wohnen GmbH