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**Counseling, Support,
Information for victims of
right-wing attacks**

Whom do we counsel?

- Victims of right-wing motivated and racist attacks
- Relatives and friends of victims
- Witnesses of such attacks

What do we offer?

- Counselling and emotional support following an attack and in crisis situations
- Information about legal options (filing a police report, civil action, protection of victims)
- Accompanying victims to the police, authorities, officials, doctors and lawyers
- Preparation and follow-up as well as support for court cases
- Information on financial support options, for example legal aid and compensation payments, assistance in the application process where necessary
- Psychosocial counselling
- Arrangement of support from other counselling centres and, if necessary, provision of therapeutic programmes
- Public relations
- Practical support for improving the quality of life following an attack (for example, assistance in relocating)

What are the principles of counselling?

- We are unequivocally on the side of the victims
- The interests, wishes and needs of the victims are put first
- We provide counselling services throughout the country on an outreach basis
- We guarantee confidentiality and, if requested, anonymity
- The services are based on voluntary participation and are free of charge
- The matter does not have to be reported to the police

Who are we?

- A heterogeneous project with diverse experiences and life situations
- A professional counseling team, consisting of social workers, social education workers, and political scientists
- In our team, we speak German and English. For other languages, we will arrange for language mediation (interpreter)
- We are a member of the VBRG – Association of the counseling offices for victims of right-wing, racist, and anti-Semitic violence e.V.
- First signatories of the “quality standards for professional support” of the VBRG