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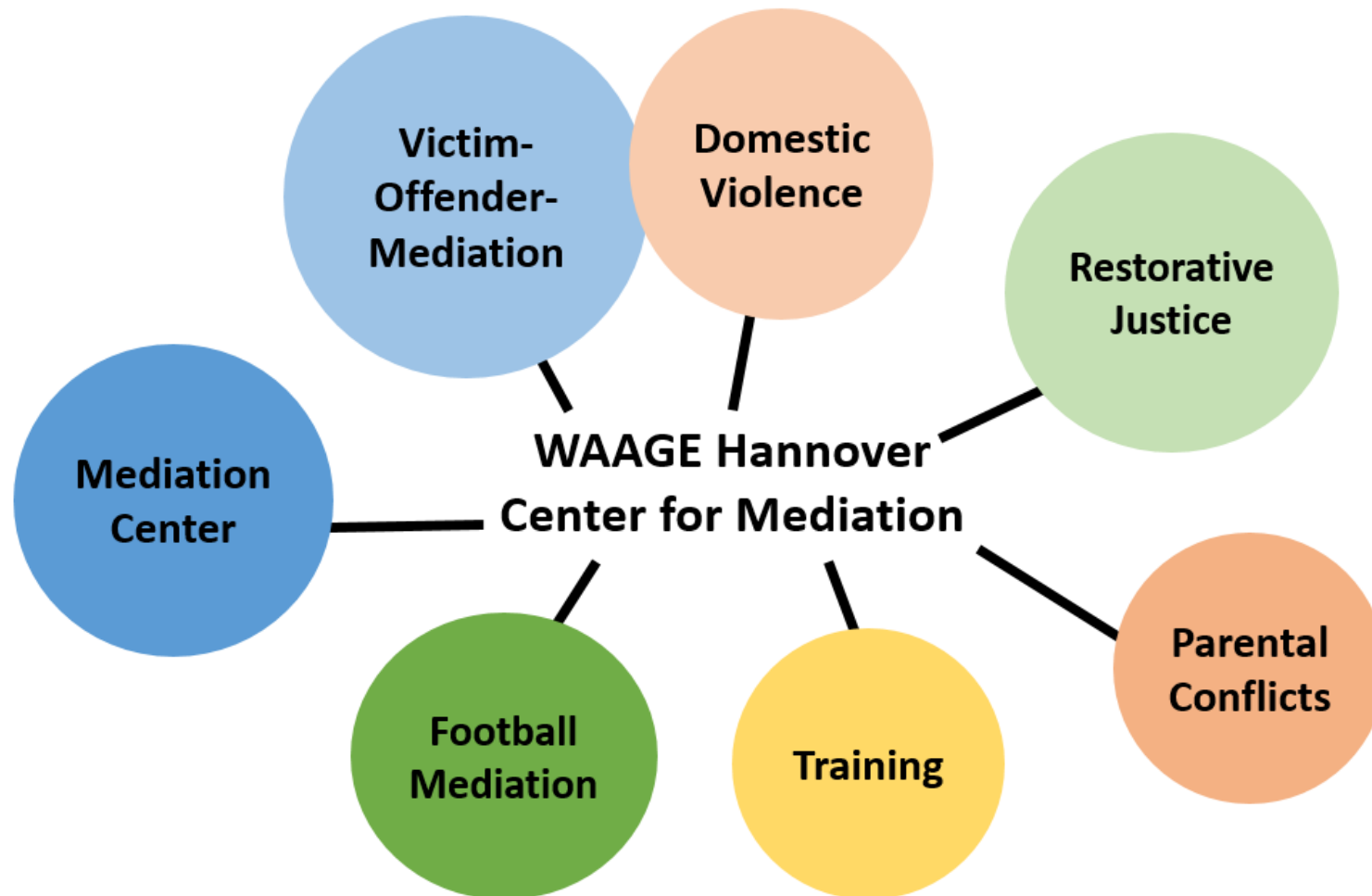
**Restorative Justice and Victim Orientation in Prisons - how to develop
collaborative pathways for victim-offender encounters**

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Waage Hannover e.V. – facts & information

- NGO – founded in 1992
- Mixed team of employees & volunteers (24 people)
- Financing: mix of state, municipal and own resources
- 15.000 cases in 30 years

Waage Hannover e.V. – work areas



Victim-Offender-Mediation

- Victim-Orientation
- Approx. 300-400 cases / year
- Mainly: assault / serious assault
- 50% willingness to participate - thereof 90% agreement
- Victim's fund:
420.000 Euro granted as a loan since 1992, 90% repayment



Victim-Offender-Mediation and Domestic Violence

- 60% of the total number of cases
- Mostly seperated couples
- HAIP Network (Hanoverian intervention project against violence in the family)
- Special Standards for DV cases
- Often indirect /shuttle mediation

Waage e.V. and Restorative Justice

- Implementation of the victim's directive: Training for prison staff and conception for collaboration Waage and prison
 - Start-up funding for various restorative justice approaches

Aims:

- raising awareness of the victim's perspective in prisons
- development of a cooperation concept

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- Training for Prison staff

Training Modules of the 2 days training for each model were:

- Module A - perspective of Perpetrators
- Module B - perspective of victims
- Module C - implementation and cooperation
- Module D - evaluation

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- Conception for collaboration: Waage and Prison
 - verification of the motivation
 - avoiding secondary victimization
 - information and offer
 - involvement of supporting institutions (VSS)

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- Handling cases of serious crime

Characteristics:

- long preparation time / follow-up time
- many individual meetings
- mediation/encounter needs an individual setting
- good cooperation network

One example:

- “What to tell Lily?”

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Thank you very much
for your attention!

