Technology assisted method

BETTERPREVENTION

PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION EVALUATION

Target Group:

Persons over 15 years

Aim of the Method

Weight control (physical activity, dietary behavior, alcohol use)

Level of Participation:

Moderate

Type of Method:

Digital method, interaction-based group focused method

Baltic Sea Region

DESCRIPTION

Group activity for overweight persons. Includes several face-toface meetings. Persons take photos of their own meals and send them to other participants and to the public health professional by utilizing a mobile application.

The public health professional gives feedback to the participants about the meals and moderate the dietary discussion in the group.

Meal size is important; calories are not calculated.

In addition, a physical education instructor lead five exercise sessions and provides an exercise program.

TIPS FOR THE USERS

Pros and cons:

- + Motivating
- + Encourge participants to discuss openly
- + Effective
- + Group support
- Participation in a group activity can be unconfortable for some people
- Risk, that the application / technology takes too significant role in the group activity

RESOURCES NEEDED:

- Public health professional. \checkmark physical education instructor
- Contents plan and timetable \checkmark
- Smart phone, mobile data access, mobile application (DIEX, Meallogger or equivalent)
- Group size approx.10 people
- Several meetings (ca. 4-5) \checkmark







MORE ABOUT THE METHOD: Additional literature: Dute et al. 2016, Ruopeng et al. 2017, Souza Pinto et al. 2017