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The role of local counseling and support services in long-term care for people with a migration background

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There are almost 16 million people with a migration background in Germany. Currently, a lot of them reach an age, in which the probability of long-term care needs is rising. To support these people many local counseling services are offered. However, very little is known about the work of these consultants in this context. A research project is currently in progress to analyze this topic in a German city with 230,000 inhabitants. One central task in this project is to map the current consultative infrastructure. The survey instrument is including 15 questions about the counseling services and the operating concept as well as the deployed employees and their qualifications. The survey will be completed in August 2016. First results showed big differences between the counseling offers. This concerns in particular, the kind of the services offered and their accessibility, the deployed employees and the consideration of people with migration background.

Biography

Ralf Tebest is a Nurse and Health Care Economist. He is an expert of the German Health Care System, in particular, the counseling and care of elderly and vulnerable people. He has conducted a lot of scientific projects, including the evaluation of the care support centers in Baden-Württemberg and North-Rhine-Westphalia.

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