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A psychiatric treatment programme for unaccompanied minor refugees: The ResCareRefugees project

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Learning Goal:

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The ResCareRefugees project aims to install **transcultural adolescent psychiatric and trauma care** for unaccompanied minor asylum seekers with severe psychological/psychiatric symptoms. It involves the formation of a therapeutic day care unit for unaccompanied minors in asylum procedure near the site of an academic psychiatric hospital in Flanders, the northern part of Belgium, with evening and night reception of the patients in nearby youth welfare facilities.

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Fedasil - Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers; Dr. Annemie Hoogewys (MD, coordinating physician), Hedwige de Biourge (coordinator unit UMs)

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