## Preventing evictions through local cooperation

Kronofogden – the Swedish Enforcement Authority



## **About today's presentation:**

- Introduction to the Swedish Enforcement Authority
- About evictions
- Statistics and the importance of eviction prevention
- The local collaboration method
- How do we reach out?
- Summary
- Questions?



#### **The Swedish Enforcement Authority**

- An authority for those who require payment, and for those obligated to pay
- 2300 employees
- 32 offices
- Preventive Operations



#### We aim to prevent over-indebtedness

Sharing knowledge

Collaboration

Attention to debt traps

Legislative proposals





#### **About evictions**

- The role of the SEA
- Why is somebody evicted?
- Promoting collaboration
- Municipalities social services
- Landlords



### Evictions, private citizens (2019-2023)





## **Evictions affecting children (2013-2023)**





#### The story of Rebecca







## The importance of eviction prevention

- Reduces the personal suffering
- Evictions are costly
- The children's perspective
- Counteracts homelessness



# Local collaboration – a method to prevent evictions



#### Local collaboration between landlords and social services

Start up a collaboration

Secure a long lasting collaboration

Expand the network

Ensure the child perspective

**Benefits** 



## Start up a local collaboration

- Landlords and social services
- Monthly meetings
- Forms of the collaboration
- Agreements and checklists
- Early personal contact with the tenant





## Long lasting collaboration

- Anchor in each organisation
- Declaration of intent
- Not person-dependent
- Specific goals





#### **Expand the network**

- Invite more participants
  - budget and debt advisors
  - other departments within the social services
  - charity organisations
- Meetings a few times a year
- Exchange experiences
- Prevent evictions together





### Secure the child perspective

- Special measures when children are affected
- Set up goals
- Contact







#### **Benefits with local collaboration**

- Reduce suffering and worrying among tenants
- Save money
- Good eviction preparation work



## Challenges

- Not mandatory
- Limited resources
- Other priorities
- Size of the municipality
- Some evictions cannot be avoided

















## How do we reach out?

- Information on our website
- Podcast episode
- Participation in various events
- Arranging our own events
- Press releases







#### Summary

#### Local collaboration

- is a successful way to prevent evictions
- identify tenants at risk early on
- reduces suffering and worries
- lowers the costs
- leads to more people being able to stay in their homes





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