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#### Ten Desselaer

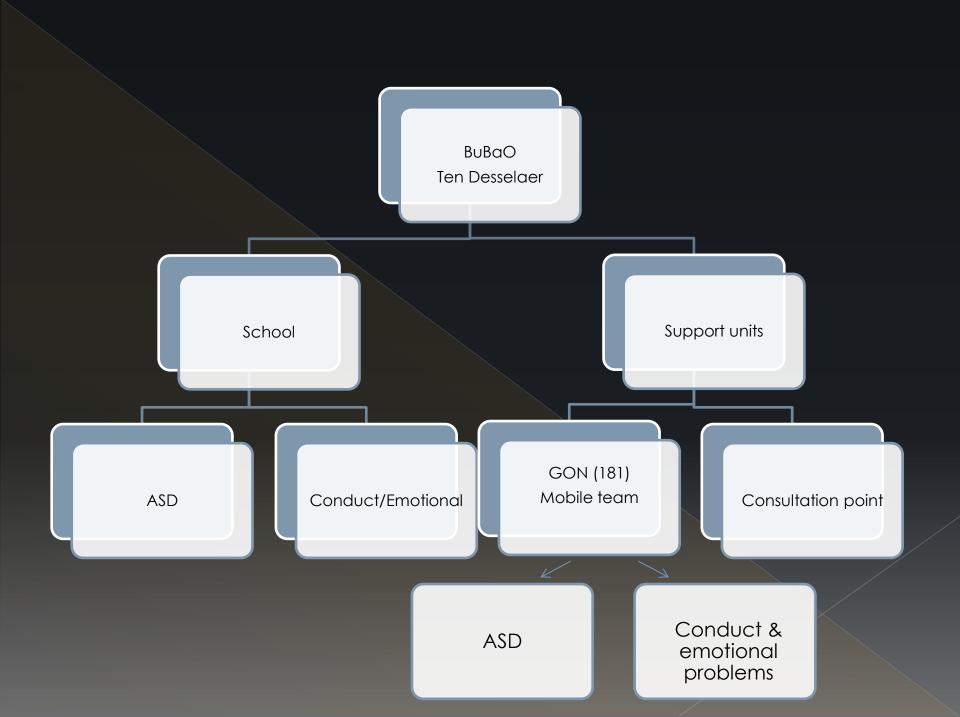
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#### BuBaO Ten Desselaer

= SEN school for children with difficulties in social interaction & communication

= School with 2 units and 2 internal support systems

= School that works close together with different partners



# Support Unit: GON = mobile team

- $\odot$  = Inclusive education
- School
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- General aim: help mainstream schools and children with special needs -> maximise their chances
- Teachers / paramedics from SENschool go to the mainstream school to give the support that is needed
- SEN school gets the financial means, depending on the amount of applications for GON

Ten Desselaer: GON for children with ASD or children with conduct and/or emotional problems

- Conditions:
  - > Be enrolled in a regular school
  - > Diagnosis of ASD
  - Diagnosis of conduct disorder/ oppositional defiant disorder / mood disorder/ anxiety disorder / ADHD / attachment disorder
  - > Application for and motivation by the center for pupil counseling
  - All parties (CPC, parents, mainstream school, SEN school) sign a document with information about the students way of functioning, his needs and the assistence the mainstream school can offer and the assistence needed to be deliverd from the SEN school
- Duration:
  - For 2 years on each educational level (exept in nursery: every year)
  - > By exception possibility for extension

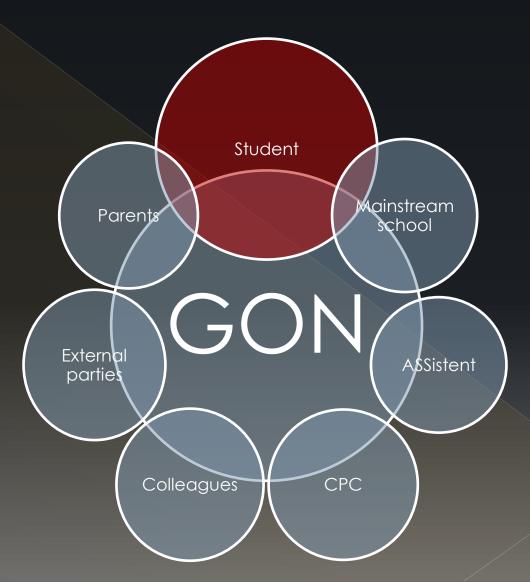
## GON-support

- Support to the individual
- Support to the parents
- Support to teachers of mainstream school
- Support to organisation of mainstream school
  - For example: give ideas to improve the operation of the playground, clarify the structure, rules
- At all levels of mainstream education (nursury, primary school, high school and college)

#### GON partners: communication & collaboration



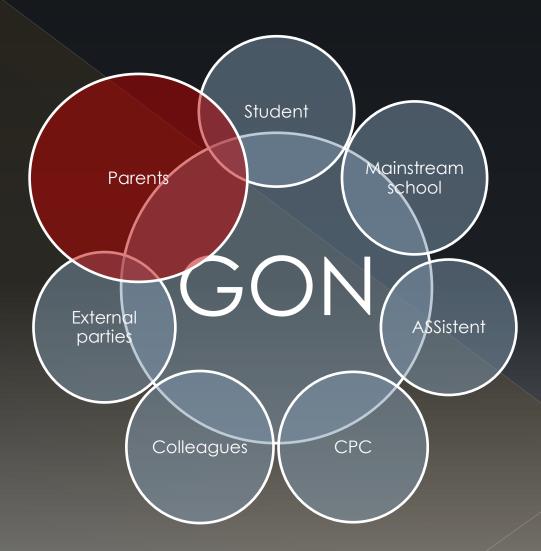
#### Student as a partner



### Student

- Weekly contacts for 75 100 minutes
- Individual or with a small group of classmates e.g. to improve social interaction skills
- Working towards certain goals, as agreed on during a meeting with all parties. These goals can be adapted to acurate situations or questions
- Direct contact in combination with e-mail and telephone
- According to the age of the student: the student is involved in the making of decisions and the setting of the goals

#### Parents as a partner



#### Contact

- During the school year: mail or phone or direct contact (two) weekly
- At least 3 times a year: meeting with all the partners, including, the parents.

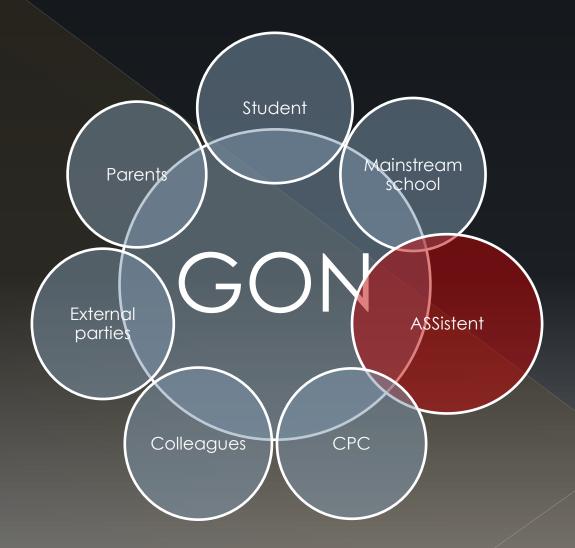
# Mainstream school as a partner



#### Contact

- Collegial consultation: weekly (by exception: every 2 weeks) → formal or informal
  - Teachers
  - Student counselors
  - Headmaster
- Mail exchange
- Accopanying during extra muros activities
- Lectures at the mainstream school about ASD or conduct problems

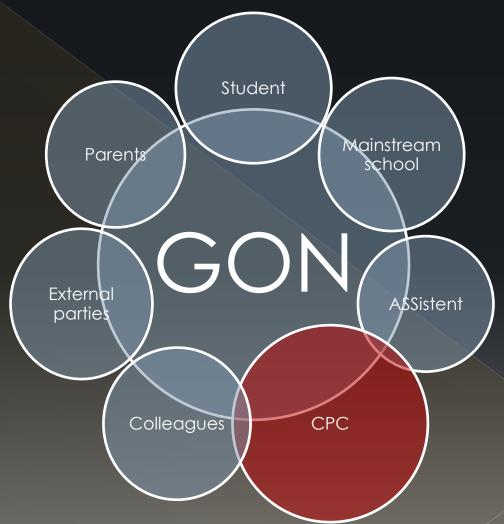
### The ASSistent as a partner



### What is "ASSistent"

- ASS = ASD in Flemish
- Students who also follow a teacher training programme
- These students can come from various disciplines (e.g: a paramedic student, a civil engineer student, a law student, ...)
- Diversity internship in collaboration with the University of Leuven
- Our GOn-pupils have weekly contact with these students
- In communication with the GOn-coach
- They can focus on homework, social skills, study skills, ... in mutual agreement
- More info in a while

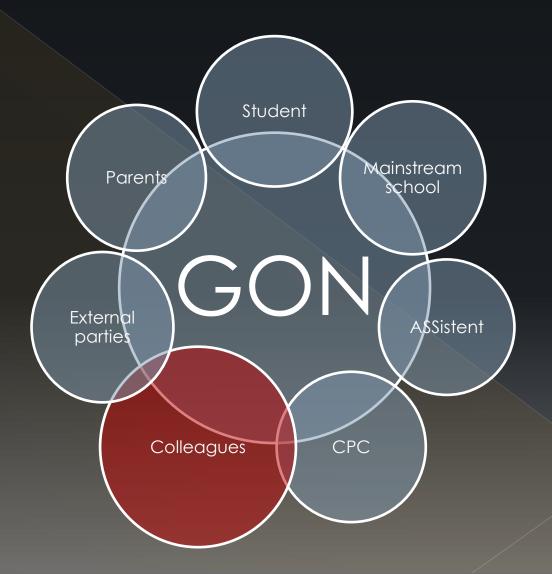
# Center for pupil counseling (CPC) as a partner



# CPC or CPG (litterly)

- Highly important partner
- Closely involved with students who have extra care needs (learning difficulties, problems at home, psychological diffciculties)
- Guide students in their school career and their study interests
- Together with the mainstream school, they decide if a student is in need for GON.
- More info in the afternoon

# Colleagues as partners



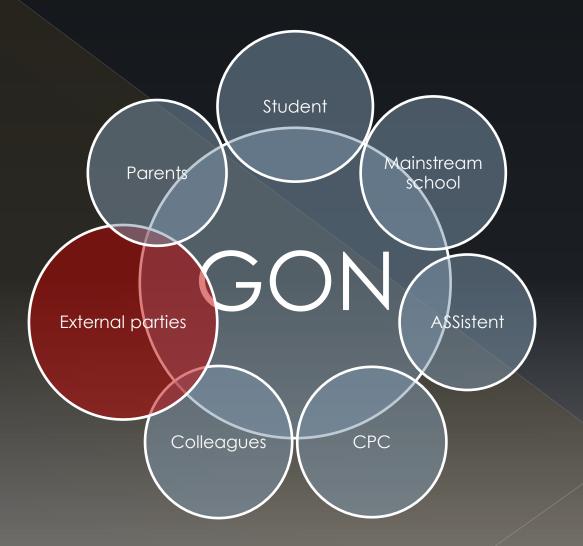
### Our mobile team

Our team: 16 GON-coaches & 2 coördinators

- Weekly staff meetings during 2,5 hours
  - Practical matters
  - Training / team education
     When training attended -> share information with team
     Training attended by the whole team
  - Exchanging cases as a way of learning
  - Working on a specific project or subject in different groups, depending on the topic:
    - ASD and executive functions: questionnaire as a tool
    - Psycho-education: create and collect material
    - Collaboration with mainstream schools: how to optimise
    - Indiviual development report of the student: how to optimise

Consulting colleagues from SEN school

#### External parties as a partner



#### Who and what?

- All sort of external people involved with the student
  - Psychiatrist, hospital, doctor, psychologist, speech therapist, social services, ...
- Can be invited to attend evolution meetings
- Can appeal to us for advise regarding autism or regarding the student him-/herself

# THE GON PARTNERS COME TOGETHER

#### Together with these parties:

- 3 evolution sessions each school year (standard)
- More meetings if needed
- Purpose: evaluate goals, make adjustements, set priorities
- Systematic consultation and feedback
- Report of meeting to all parties and included in the individual development report

 For assuring the quality of our activities, we ask schools and parents to evaluate our actions & collaboration and ask for recommendations for the future.



# 2 parents of our GOnstudents

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