

# Barnahus

## The development of a modell - Sweden

20th anniversary of Barnahus in Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland

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# The need of an overarching philosophy

1. Child abuse is a serious issue which must be addressed
2. The “system” intended to protect children should “help” children, not further traumatize or cause lack of trust
3. The protection of children must involve all agencies involved in the investigation and intervention, and these agencies must work together

# The need of a forefront engaged person that takes the lead



**Bud Cramer**  
Attorney and  
congressman

# The need to get the idea spread to a culture similar to your own



Bragi Guðbrandsson



## The need of an influential importer to Sweden



# The need for a national decision

**Save the Children 22/10 2003**  
in a meeting with the minister of justice  
Thomas Bodström



**Concerning the child's status in the legal process:** "collaboration between relevant agencies must be better. Experiences from the Children's Houses in Iceland are interesting "

# The initial face

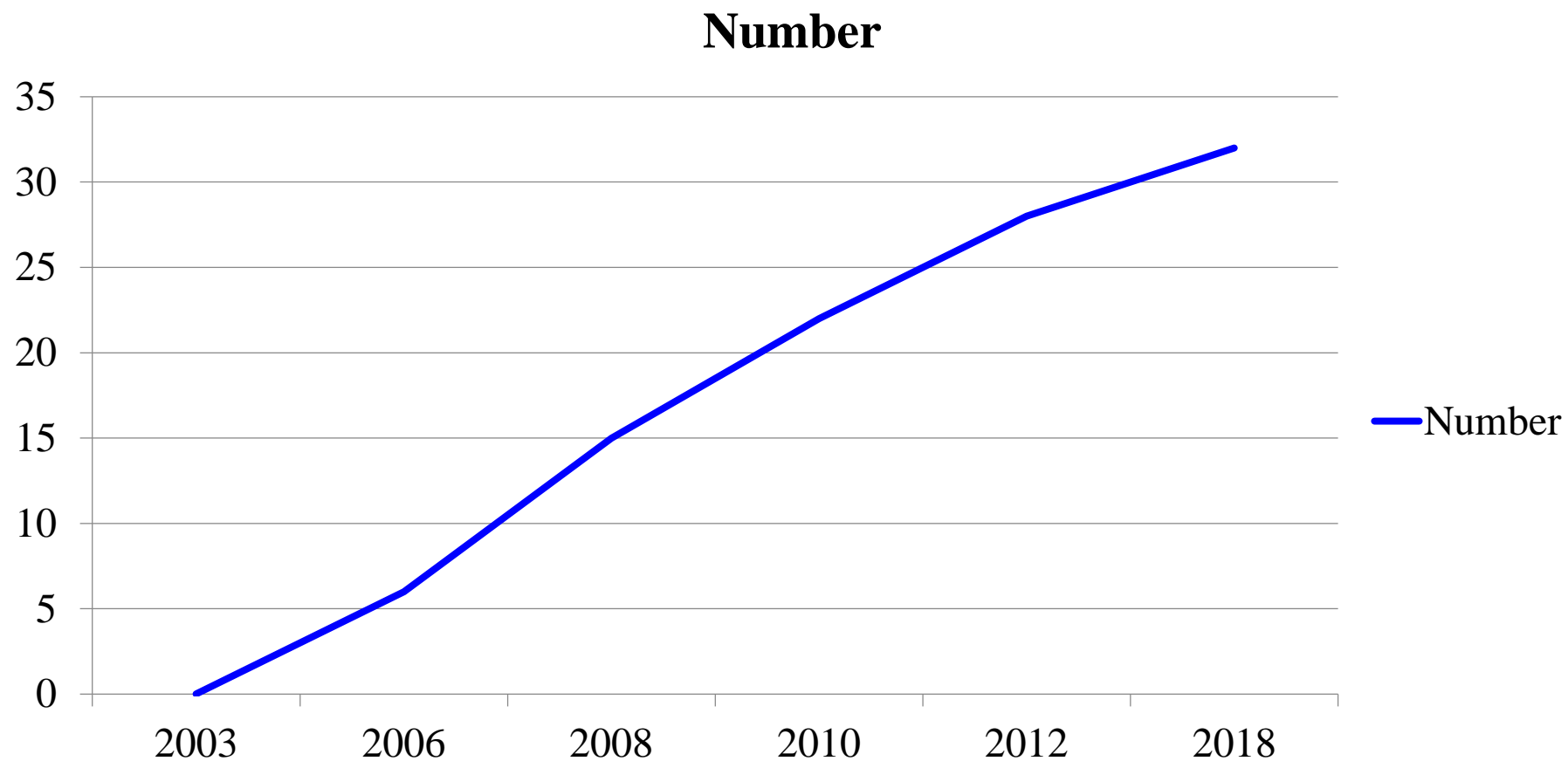
2006

- Umeå
- Sundsvall
- Stockholm
- Linköping
- Göteborg
- Malmö






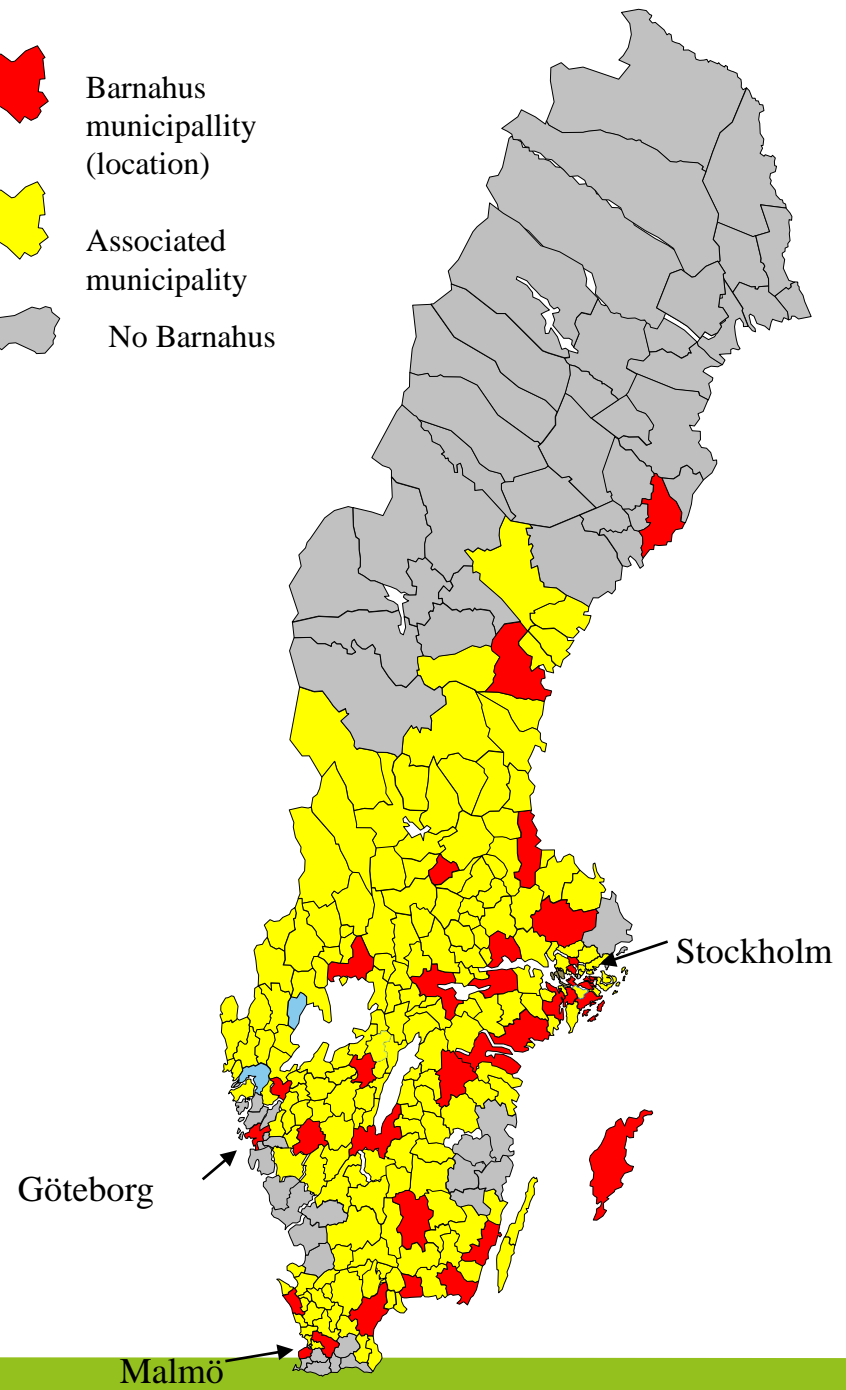
2007

# The explosion



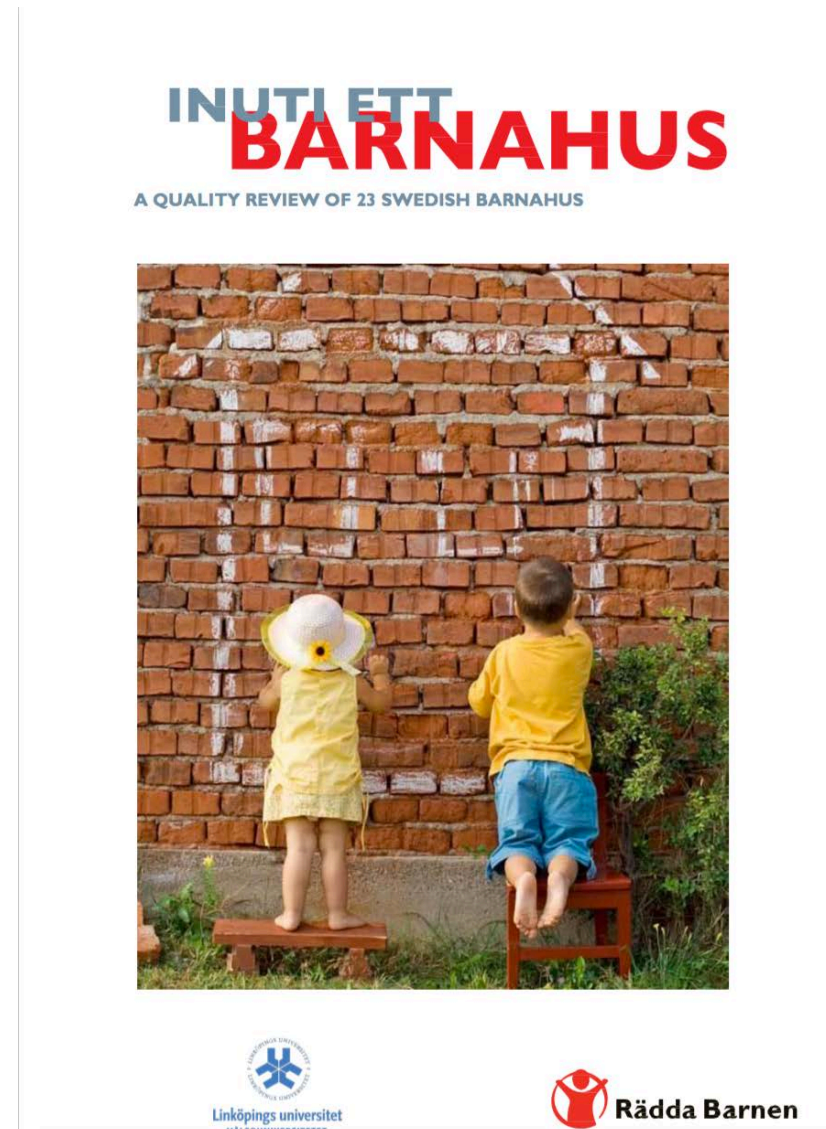


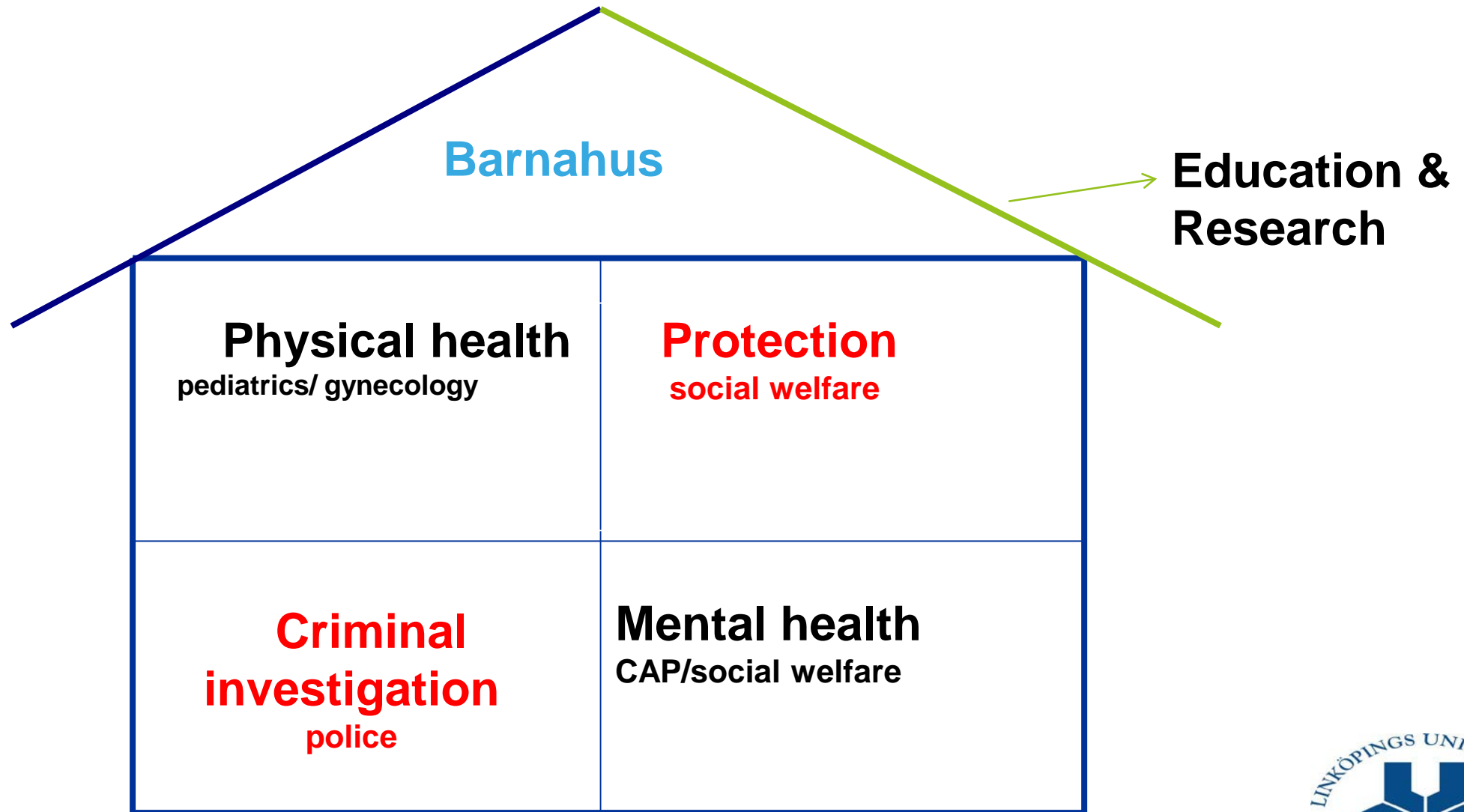
-  Barnahus municipality (location)
-  Associated municipality
-  No Barnahus



Cover > 80 of  
allchildren in  
Sweden

# The need of evaluations

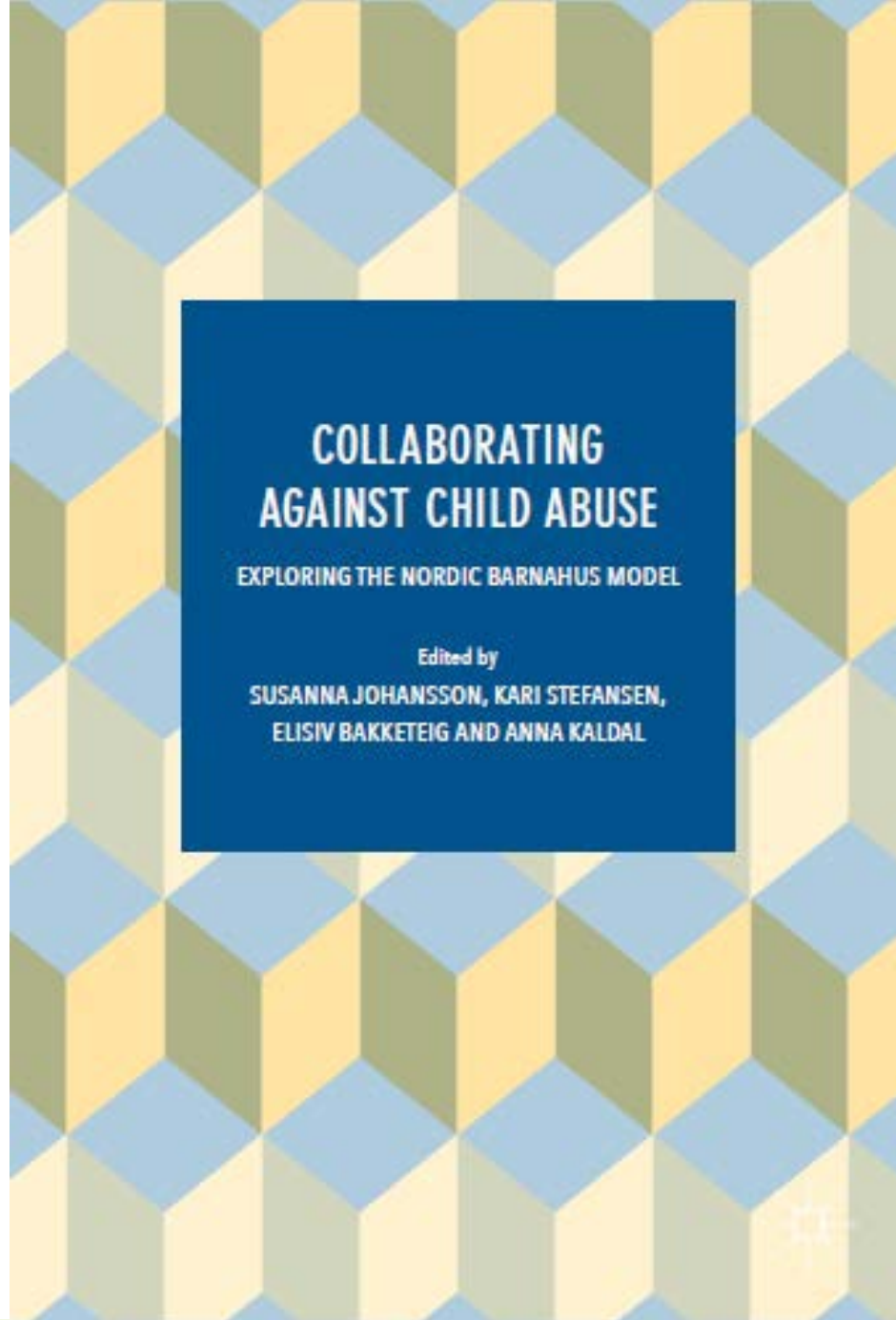




# Main conclusions

- Barnahus are here to stay
- Great diversity
- Improvement needed - national  
- local
- More research





**COLLABORATING  
AGAINST CHILD ABUSE**  
EXPLORING THE NORDIC BARNAHUS MODEL

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# The Nordic context

# The European context

## Promoting Child-friendly multi-disciplinary and interagency service



Thurid Heiberg,  
CBSS





**The National Children's  
Advocacy Center**

# The need for supporters

**Chris Newlin**  
Executive Director





**Congratulations**  
**Barnahus Iceland and**  
**thank you** for your  
**important contribution**