



1.1.18 Child and youth services and cultural diversity

German society can be described as extremely **divergent (unequal) with respect to living circumstances and very diverse** as regards the ethnic, cultural, material, religious or educational backgrounds of young people and their families.

This therefore requires child and youth services to

- consider the wide variety of living circumstances and backgrounds of young people and their parents and identify all different educational, funding and support needs,
- develop and provide accordingly nuanced services for children, adolescents, young adults and their families,
- ensure access to these services for people from different sections of the population and to this end work towards structural integration, including with the organisations providing child and youth services.

Actively combating all forms of racism and exclusion is a fundamental task common to all areas of child and youth services.