

Child and Youth Services in Germany

2.1.1 Tasks and mission of child and youth services - Article 1, Social Code Book 8

- (1) All young people have the right to receive assistance so they can become independent, responsible and socially competent individuals.
- (2) ...
- (3) The objectives of child and youth services are, inter alia,
 - to assist young people and eliminate disadvantages so as to give all young people equal educational and development opportunities and hence address any structural imbalances or personal deficits;
 - 2. to support young people as appropriate given their age and ability so they can make their own choices in all areas of life that pertain to them and in turn, participate fully in society;
 - 3. to promote parents' ability to provide care so they are enabled to meet their responsibilities towards their children;
 - 4. to guard against dangers to children's and adolescents' welfare,
 - 5. to help create or maintain positive living conditions for young people and their families as well as a positive and family-friendly environment.