



3.2.2 Key concepts and terms in child and youth services

Conceptual debates amongst child and youth services professionals in Germany are peppered with **terms with relatively uncontested legitimacy**. These terms shape the professional normative basis of child and youth services:

- everyday and lifeworld orientation,
- participation, co-production,
- empowerment, helping people to help themselves,
- resource orientation,
- prevention,
- integration, inclusion,
- decentralisation, regionalisation, orientation towards the social environment.

However, all of these mainstream terms convey ambivalences and conflicts that must be viewed critically for each conceptual, structural and individual situation.