



1.1.14 Child and youth services and material security

The job centres in the independent cities and municipalities have primary responsibility for **safeguarding material security** for people who are not in gainful employment.

They provide basic income support for people dependent on benefits. In Germany approx. 6 million people rely on benefits, of which a third (approx. 2 million) are children and adolescents.

- These children and adolescents are found across the entire spectrum of child and youth services action areas.
- A disproportionately high number of these children/adolescents are in receipt of socio-educational support and are affected by custody rulings of the family courts.

Despite the clear overlap, there remains a distinct lack of coordinated concepts between child and youth services and the providers of material security.