



## 1.1.14 Child and youth services and material security

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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. 6.6 million people rely on benefits, of which approx. 1.8 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.**