



## 1.1.15 Child and youth services and the judicial system

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Child and youth services is reliant in several respects on cooperation with the **family and juvenile courts** attached to the local courts:

- The family court handles custody matters and related issues concerning parental separation and divorce, and decides on the need for interventions to avert endangerment of the child's welfare.
- The juvenile court presides over criminal hearings involving juveniles and young adults who face criminal charges under the Youth Courts Act.

**Child and youth services is required by law to cooperate in these court proceedings (Articles 50 and 52 Social Code Book 8). The courts are obliged to involve the youth welfare offices in all such proceedings (Act on Proceedings in Family Matters and in Matters of Non-contentious Jurisdiction and Youth Courts Act).**