



1.1.16 Child and youth services and inclusion

Even in 2023, **equal participation by children with physical and intellectual disabilities** in programmes offered by child and youth services – as called for by the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – is still not a reality.

- Responsibility for participation services for these children/adolescents currently resides with the system responsible for adults (integration support pursuant to Social Code Book 9).
- Exclusion still affects even areas where responsibilities (child protection) and services (e.g., youth work) under Social Code Book 8 already – on paper, at least – apply to all children.

The 2021 Act to Strengthen Children and Youth laid binding foundations in Social Code Book 8 for development towards full inclusivity, and in particular the convergence of overall responsibility for all children – with and without disabilities – under child and youth services from 2028.