

Child and Youth Services in Germany

2.2.4 Promotion of care and upbringing in the family

Child and youth services is responsible for **supporting parents in raising and caring for their children**. This is done, *inter alia*, by offering

- counselling for expectant mothers and fathers,
- advice on child-raising,
- education/holidays and recreational activities for families,
- caring for children in emergency situations,
- counselling on relationships, separation, divorce and custody matters,
- residential arrangements for mothers/fathers and children.

These services are complemented by what are known as early intervention services (mostly provided in cooperation with the health system).

