

Child and Youth Services in Germany

3.1.1a The Federation, the Länder and the local authorities in child and youth services

Federation:

Enacts legislation on Book 8 of the Social Code – Children and Youth; incentives and financial support for cross-state child and youth services; Federal Youth Board (Bundesjugendkuratorium); four-yearly Child and Youth Report of the Federal Government.

Länder (federal states):

Länder implementing acts to Social Code Book 8; financial support for state-wide child and youth services infrastructure; Child and Youth Plans of the Länder; the Länder assist the local youth providers of youth services by providing advice and further training.

Local authorities:

Towns that are administrative districts in their own right and counties (in some cases larger towns within administrative districts), as public-sector providers, establish a youth welfare office; overall responsibility for planning and the local fulfilment of tasks under Book 8; local youth services planned and structured in the context of local self-government.

