

Child and Youth Services in Germany

3.1.2 Local public-sector providers of child and youth services

The local public-sector providers of child and youth services are determined in federal state law (Article 69 [1] Social Code Book 8). Generally speaking, the local providers are the towns that are administrative districts in their own right and the counties (in exceptional cases also towns within administrative districts).

Each local public-sector provider must establish a youth welfare office to carry out the tasks required by Social Code Book 8 (Article 69 [3]).

The local authorities decide on the specific structure of the youth welfare office.

The public-sector providers have overall responsibility to ensure

- that the youth welfare offices have access to adequate resources;
- that people have access to the necessary and appropriate services when they are needed and in an adequate scope;
- structural plurality across services;
- the development of standards to ensure quality development across all tasks of child and youth services.

