

## Child and Youth Services in Germany

## 3.2.4 Inclusion

From 2028 the plan is that child and youth services will be responsible for services **for all children and adolescents** with and without disability (known as the "inclusive solution"). The specifics are still unclear.

The 2021 Act to Strengthen Children and Youth (Kinder- und Jugendstärkungsgesetz) for the first time ever introduced an express obligation on providers to **inclusively further develop child and youth services** and, in so doing, gave the official green light for all support and task areas.

Despite a continued legal focus on disability-related barriers to participation, the principle of inclusion is also being discussed with regard to incorporating other social barriers to participation (e.g., poverty) (referred to as the **broad understanding of the term inclusion**).