

Refugee families, young adults and unaccompanied minors

Not only families with minor children and young adults, but also children and adolescents without their parents or legal guardians are fleeing from Ukraine. Children and adolescents who enter Germany without their parents or guardians are unaccompanied minors. If they enter Germany with friends or distant relatives, there are regulations of the local youth welfare offices to quickly check and determine whether they need help. It is necessary to grant them the most **comprehensive protection of children and adolescents** possible.

The Ministry of Education and Youth (MBSJ) has already intensively coordinated with the youth welfare offices and agencies on how to help children and adolescents quickly and simply. There is agreement that **refugees fleeing together in a group should not be separated**, even if no legal guardians are present. The Youth Welfare Offices are currently preparing to **take care** of the unaccompanied children and adolescents (**provisionally**) in the absence of parents or legal guardians and to place them in an institution suitable for children and adolescents.

In addition, benefits and other tasks relating to child and youth welfare may also be provided for families, young adults and parents who take care of a child under the age of six alone. Granting this is at the discretion of the responsible youth welfare office.