

# Translation HzE (Social service)

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## Assistance with education

Parents have a legal right to “assistance with education” for themselves and their children, if appropriate education / development for the welfare of the child or youth is or cannot be assured (§ 27 SGB VIII = social security code).

Children and youths may contact the social services department of the youth welfare office even without their parents, in particular whenever they need protection (§ 42 SGB VIII). They are given advice and support there and protected from threats, if need be.

For “assistance with education” an application has to be lodged at the social services department of the youth welfare office. A decision is then made together with a specialist as to what kind of assistance is appropriate and necessary in each specific case. Parents have a right to make requests and choices in this process (§ 5 SGB VIII).

In addition to advisory services, residential and non-residential educational assistance services are available. To ensure the procedure runs smoothly, an assistance plan is always created, to which professionals as well as parent and child / youth can contribute (§ 36 SGB VIII).

Possible reasons for assistance with education are

- Educational uncertainty / excessive demand
- Abnormal behavior
- Abnormal development / mental problems
- Educational / occupational problems
- Stresses due to internal family conflicts
- Insufficient funding, services, support
- Problems with or failure of the caregiver
- Threat to the child's wellbeing

Please contact the [social services department](#) in your area.