

# Questionnaire for youth welfare offices on the quality of ECEC

Second survey wave



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### Questionnaire on the quality of ECEC

On behalf of the German Youth Institute (DJI), the SOKO Institute for Social Research and Communication is conducting a scientific study of the youth welfare offices. This questionnaire is part of the indicator-based monitoring of structural quality in the German early childhood education and care system (ERiK for short).

In this questionnaire, we are interested in your assessments. A survey of all youth welfare offices is planned for the study. Your support is of utmost importance for the success of the study.

Your data will only be evaluated in an anonymous form (i.e. without your name and address) and only summarised together with the other respondents' data. All data protection regulations are complied with in full.

How to complete the questionnaire

- Mark the appropriate answers by putting a cross in the boxes provided.
- Enter the numbers or information requested in the empty fields provided.
- Take note of the instructions on how to respond to questions, e.g. Please only mark **one** response.
- Take note of instructions to skip questions, e.g. → Go to Question 24.
- The individual sections within the questionnaire can be answered by several different people.
- This questionnaire is addressed to you in your management function as the youth welfare office and not as a
  potential public provider of ECEC services.

If you have any questions or need help completing the questionnaire, please contact the SOKO Institute on +49 (0)521 5242-210. Alternatively, you can also contact us via e-mail (erik@soko-institut.de).

Thank you for your cooperation and for taking the time to answer our questions!

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Your youth welfare office is a ...

Ø	Please only mark <b>one</b> response.				
	Youth welfare office in a town/city not associated with a county = Stadtjugendamt  County youth welfare office = Kreisjugendamt  Youth welfare office in a town/city/municipality associated with a county = kreisangehöriges Jugendamt  Youth welfare office of a city district (e.g. in Berlin) = Bezirksjugendamt				
	Youth welfare office in a town/city not associated with a county (Sta	adtjugendamt)			
	Youth welfare office in a rural district (Landkreis)				
	Youth welfare office in a town/city/municipality associated with a co	ounty ( <i>kreisangehörige</i>	Stadt/Gemeinde)		
	Youth welfare office of a city district (Bezirksjugendamt)				
2	Who is mainly responsible for the following aspects of ECEC?				
Ð	Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.				
	de copy	Youth welfare office is responsible.	Responsibility does not lie with the youth welfare office (e.g. with the municipality, provider, district administration (Landratsamt), etc.).		
ECI	ECEC needs planning				
Ped	Pedagogical supervision of public providers' ECEC centres				
Ped	lagogical supervision of publicly registered family day-care workers				
Issu	ue of childcare permits to family day-care workers				
Cor	nplaint management for ECEC matters				
Qua	ality assurance for ECEC centres and family day-care workers				
3	Indicate the number of providers of ECEC centres in your youth we as at <b>31 December 2021</b> . Differentiate between public and private		ve district		
•	Do not include providers purely offering after-school care (for prima	ry school children) here	Э.		
	al number of providers:				
	Of which public providers:				
<b>→</b> (	Of which <b>private providers</b> :				
4	Is your youth welfare office itself also a provider of ECEC services?				
	Yes				
	No				



## Supply and needs planning | Part B

5 Do the ECEC places available in your youth welfare office administrative district meet demand?				
Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.				
	Too few places	Sufficient places	Too many places	Does not apply
Centre-based childcare:				
Places for children under 3				
Places for children over 3 until school age				
Places for primary school children				
Family day-care:				
Places for children under 3				
Places for children over 3 until school age				
Places for primary school children			<u>\\</u> \\	
		20	0	
Are you planning to expand the ECEC service years?	es in your youth w	elfare office admir	nistrative district ir	n the coming two
Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.	064	and		
Half-day offers = up to 35 hours per week Full-day offers = more than 35 hours per week Extended care hours = Before 7:15 a.m. and/or until after 5 part least one weekday	usu illo	Yes		No
Centre-based childcare:	not			
Full-day offers for children under 3				
Full-day offers for children over 3 until school age				
Half-day offers for children under 3				
Half-day offers for children over 3 until school age				
Extended care hours				
Holiday care services				
Family day-care:				
Full-day offers for children under 3				
Full-day offers for children over 3 until school age				
Half-day offers for children under 3				
Half-day offers for children over 3 until school age				
Extended care hours				
Holiday care services				

7	What data do you use for needs planning in your youth welfare office administrative district?				
O	Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.				
		Yes	No		
	Official statistics: state data (e.g. population data), municipal data				
Oth	Other municipal data				
Par	rent surveys				
Pro	vider surveys				
Sur	veys of pedagogical staff at ECEC centres				
Sur	veys of family day-care workers				
Oth	ner data	0 %			
8	How often do you perform needs planning for your youth welfar Please only mark <b>one</b> response.	re office administrative distr	ict?		
	How often do you perform needs planning for your youth welfare office administrative district?  Please only mark one response.  Every year Every 2 years Every 3 years Every 4 years Every 5 years More than every 5 years				
9	What information is taken into account in the needs planning fo	r your youth welfare office	administrative district?		
Ð	Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.				
		Yes	No		
Por	pulation development				
Lab	our force participation rate				
Pla	ce in an ECEC centre close to place of residence				
Sin	gle parent rate				
Soc	Social and spatial circumstances, situation in individual areas				
Pov	verty rate				
Pro	portion of parents with a migration background				
Oth	ner				

### Supply and needs planning | Part B



10	Do you coordinate the needs planning for ECEC services with one or more of the following planning bodies?				
0	Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.				
		Yes	No		
Pro	Provider				
Mu	nicipality				
You	Youth welfare committee (Jugendhilfeausschuss)				
Sch	nool development planning				
Hea	alth care planning				
Urb	pan development				
Coi	nstruction planning				
Fed	deral youth welfare office	Sug			
Soc	cial space planning	36			

Needs-based access to ECEC services | Part C

11	What criteria does your youth welfare office take into account w	hen allocating ECEC place	es?
0	Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.		
		Yes	No
Chi	Idren facing hardship		
Chi	ldren of a single parent		
Tim	ne since joining waiting list		
Em	ployment status of the legal guardian(s)		
	lings already at the ECEC centre / with the family day-care rker		
	ximity of place of residence to the ECEC centre / family day-care rker		
	rents' preferred ECEC centre/family day- e worker		
Spe	ecial commitment by the parents/guardians		
Dei	nomination/religious affiliation of child		

→ Question 11 continues on page 8!

Question 11 cont.					
	Yes	No			
Desired scope of care					
Child's age					
Child's support needs					
Parents' affiliation with ECEC centre					
The youth welfare office does not have a central procedure for allocating ECEC places.					
Are special support measures available for ECEC centres in youth welfare office administrative district that are located in so		areas?			
Socio-economically deprived areas are environments surrounding ECEC centres the social problems and difficult living conditions.  Yes  No → Go straight to Question 14.  Does not apply → Go straight to Question 14.	Yes No → Go straight to Question 14.				
COX	X				
What support measures does your youth welfare office offer economically deprived areas?	CEC centres located in soci	0-			
Please provide a response in each row					
Socio-economically deprived areas are environments surrounding ECEC centres that are characterised by specific social problems and difficult living conditions.	Yes	No			
Increased personnel resources					
Financial support (lump sum)					
Increased time resources for leadership tasks					
Financial support through higher cost assumption per place					
Financial support for individual services or material costs, e.g. assumption of costs for support services, room equipment					
Priority funding in a municipal/state/federal programme					
Interpreter					
Specialist intercultural services					
Other					

## Needs-based access to ECEC services | Part C



		66:		6.0	
14	Are there any regulations in your youth welfare office administrative district regarding the size of the indoor and outdoor areas at ECEC centres?				
•	In some districts, these are regulated by the state requirements. In this case, indicate any stipulations above and beyond this.  Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.				
		No, it's up to the providers.	No, there are state requirements.	Yes, namely	
	ace requirements for the oor space per child under 3			m²:	
	oce requirements for the oor space per child over 3			m²:	
	ace requirements for the door space per child under 3			m²:	
1	Space requirements for the outdoor space per child over 3				
15	Does the youth welfare office offer subsidies f	for measures to ensure	accessibility?		
	Yes No → Go to Question 17.	ole copy out a			
		7. 611,			
16	What do the ECEC centres receive subsidies	for to ensure accessibil	ity?		
0	Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.				
	Se T		Y es	No	
Stru	uctural adaptation				
Tec	Technical equipment				
Per	Personnel resources				
Trai	ining for the pedagogical staff				
Oth	er				

	Does your youth welfare office offer parents one or more of the following options to inform and advise them on ECEC?			
Ple	ease provide a response in <b>each</b> row.			
		Yes, in German	Yes, in German and/or other languages	No
	information in the form of ion in brochures and flyers			
General	information on the internet			
Persona	I advice			
	with the procedure to register CEC place			
	with the application for exemption from contributions for an ECEC place			
Informati	ion events on the ECEC offers		EQ.	
-	tion with refugee accommodation to the parents living there	24'	2000	0
	n work to support families receiving pursuant to Book II of the German Social	Je Coloux?		

# Part D | Quality management in ECEC and the role of the youth welfare office

18	Which of the following goals is your youth welfare office currently pursuing for further development in the field of ECEC service quality?			
•	Please provide a response in each row.			
		Yes, Yes, goal being pursued	No, goal already achieved	No development goal (at the current time)
Abolition of fees for all forms of ECEC				
Sliding scale for fees for ECEC services based on social criteria				
	nclusion of a quality agreement with providers			
(sy	ablishment of municipal quality monitoring stematic recording of ECEC quality aracteristics)			
De	velopment of a municipal child welfare concept	0		
Ex	pansion of the offices for expert advice			

19	What channels can parents use to provide the youth welfare off about the ECEC services?	ice with suggestions and c	riticisms		
0	Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.				
		Yes	No		
Ser	vice hotline				
"Co	"Complaints box" (in writing/via e-mail)				
Reg	gular consultation hours				
	cussion forums for an exchange between parents and ECEC tres		0		
Oth	er format				
			Reporting   Part D		
20	Does the youth welfare office district regularly prepare reports of				
All fo	Yes No → Go to Question 24.  Are the reports publicly available?  Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.	eports for ECEC centres, etc.			
	Yes	SUL			
	No → Go to Question 24.				
	A Ple citlo				
21	Are the reports publicly available?				
0	Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.				
	90	Y es	No		
Prin	nt version				
Onli	ine				
22	How often are reports prepared (e.g. education report on the sit	tuation of all children)?			
0	Please only mark <b>one</b> response.				
	Every year				
	Every 2 years				
	Every 3 years				
	Every 4 years				
	Every 5 years  More than every 5 years				
	More than every 5 years				



Which data sources are used/evaluated for reporting?		
Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.		
	Yes	No
Official statistics: state data (e.g. population data), municipal data		
Other municipal data		
Parent surveys		
Children surveys		
Provider surveys		
Surveys of pedagogical staff at ECEC centres		
Surveys of family day-care workers		
Other data	<i>69i</i>	

### Part D | Quality assurance

dit B   Quality assurance	200	
24 What requirements does your youth welfare office set for quality as	surance in the ECEC cer	ntres?
Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.		
all, * Ell.	Yes	No
Regular external evaluations (at least every 5 years)  External evaluations are third-party assessments conducted by external experts. They evaluate the work of the ECEC centres based on a selected procedure, e.g. by observing daily pedagogical activities, talking to management and pedagogical staff, or surveying parents.		
Regular internal evaluations(at least every 3 years) Internal evaluations are a form of self-assessment. Centre management and the pedagogical staff use a structured procedure to reflect on and evaluate their own work as well as the work of the ECEC team.		
Quality seal or certificate		
Regular on-site inspections by the youth welfare office		
Mandatory further training for pedagogical staff		
Regular support from an expert advisor		
Parent surveys		
Children surveys		
Other forms of review		
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Which committees in your youth welfare office administrative district address quality issues in ECEC services (e.g. pedagogical concepts, quality management, evaluations, language support, etc.)?			
0	Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.		
		Yes	No
Youth welfare committee (Jugendhilfeausschuss)			
EC	EC centre committee (Kita-Ausschuss)		
Far	mily day-care committee (Kindertagespflege-Ausschuss)		
Wo	rking group pursuant to §78 of Book VIII of the German Social Code		
You	uth welfare planning		
Par	rent representatives		
Oth	ner local network(s)		
Wo	rking group on the state level	<i>89</i> .	
		6	
26	Does your youth welfare office have a coordination body for ECEC	quality?	
accompanies the implementation of quality development at the providers and in the ESEC centres.  Yes  No			
Does your youth welfare office organise regular meetings to exchange with representatives from the ECEC providers?			
Please only mark <b>one</b> response.			
Yes, every year Yes, every six months Yes, once per quarter No regular meetings (yet)			
Are there any facilities such as family (parent/child) centres or similar in your youth welfare office administrative district where several social offers and pedagogical services cooperate?			
Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.			
		Yes	No
At p	public providers		
At private providers			
→ If you indicated "No" in both rows, go straight to Question 30.			



29	You have indicated that there are family (parent/child) centres or similar in your youth welfare office administrative district. How many such centres are there in total?
Nur	mber of centres:

### Part E | Staff and expert advice at ECEC centres

Does your youth welfare office encourage one or more of the strate pedagogical staff for ECEC centres?	egies/measures listed beli	ow to recruit
Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.		
	Yes	No
Training integrated into daily practice	08/	
Option of retraining as a pedagogical staff member	E C	
Tuition fee exemption for training as a pedagogical staff member	00	
Strategies/measures are only funded by the state.		
Strategies/measures are only funded by the state.  Part E   Expert advice for ECEC centres		
Does your youth welfare office employ expert advisors for the ECE	C centres?	
Yes		
No → Go to Question 35.		
32 Are these expert advisors responsible for all ECEC centres or only	for those operated by pu	blic providers?
Responsible for all ECEC centres		
Only for the centres of public providers		
How many people does your provider employ as expert advisors for	or the ECEC centres?	
Indicate the number of persons and the number of full-time position	ns.	
Full-time position (100%) = 1.00; three-quarter-time position (75%)= 0.75; etc.		
Number of staff:		
Number of full-time positions:		
How many ECEC centres are your provider's expert advisors resp		
Number of ECEC centres:		

35	What is the minimum formal professional training required to work a	at an ECEC centre as an	expert advisor?
Ð	Please only mark <b>one</b> response.		
(University (of applied sciences) degree (e.g. in social pedagogy ( <i>Dipl SozialpädagogIn</i> ), social work ( <i>DiplSozialarbeiterIn</i> ), education ( <i>DiplPädagogIn</i> ), state-recognised childhood pedagogue (bachelor's/master's degree))  Pedagogical training at vocational college level (e.g. as an educator ( <i>ErzieherIn</i> ), special needs care worker ( <i>HeilpädagogIn</i> ))  No formal professional training necessary			
36	What additional requirements must be met to work at an ECEC cen	tre as an expert advisor?	,
0	Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.		
		Yes	No
Fur	ther/advanced training as an expert advisor	9/-	
Pro	fessional experience as a centre manager	500	
Professional experience as a member of pedagogical staff at an ECEC centre		andio	
Professional experience in the field of social pedagogy outside of the ECEC sector			
Other requirement(s)			
	Sonot	Tasks of the expe	rt advisor   Part E
37	Which of the following advisory tasks to your youth welfare office's ECEC centres?	expert advisors assume	for the
•	Please provide a response in each row.		
	•	Yes	No
Concept and quality development			
Development of quality assurance systems			
Public relations			
Formulation of educational goals			
Organisation of further/advanced training			
Implementation of further/advanced training			
Inv	olvement in external evaluations in ECEC centres		
Advice on personnel matters			
Advice on funding programmes			

Does your youth welfare office offer one or more of the following m	neasures to support centre	e management?
Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.		
	Yes	No
Management circle for managers from all providers		
Special further/advanced training for managers from all providers in the fields of organisational management, personnel management		
Provision of municipal funding for additional time resources for management tasks		
Other		
Does your youth welfare office organise regular meetings to enabl themselves (e.g. on pedagogical concepts, quality management, e	e centre managers to exclevaluations, language supp	
Please only mark <b>one</b> response.	ens	
themselves (e.g. on pedagogical concepts, quality management, evaluations, language support in the centres, etc.)?  Please only mark one response.  Yes, every year Yes, every six months Yes, once per quarter No regular meetings (yet)		
Part F Staff and expert advice in family day-care facilities		
Were there any family day-care workers active in your youth welfa 2021?	re office administrative dis	strict as at 31 December
Family day-care workers are "active" when they hold a childcare permit pursuant to §43 of Book VIII of the German Social Code (SGB VIII) and are currently caring for children pursuant to §22 and §23 SGB VIII.		
Yes		
No → Go to Question 43.		
How many family day-care workers hold a childcare permit and we	ere active as at <b>31 Decem</b>	ber 2021?
Family day-care workers are "active" when they hold a childcare permit pursuant to §43 of Book VIII of the German Social Code (SGB VIII) and are currently caring for children pursuant to §22 and §23 SGB VIII.		
Number of family day-care workers:		
How many new childcare permits did your youth welfare office issu	ue in the last calendar yea	r?
Number of new childcare permits:		

## Qualification of family day-care workers | Part F



43	What are the requirements for the granting of a childcare permit?
0	Please only mark one response for each.
Qua	alification course:
	Less than 100 teaching hours 100 to 159 teaching hours 160 to 299 teaching hours 300 or more teaching hours
Mai	ndatory internship:
	Yes, with another family day-care worker Yes, at an ECEC centre No mandatory internship required
44	Do persons with pedagogical training have to complete a qualification course in family day-care in order to obtain a childcare permit?
•	Please only mark <b>one</b> response.
	Yes, the entire qualification course must be completed.  Yes, a short version of the qualification course must be completed.  Pedagogical professionals are not required to complete a qualification course.
45	What requirements does your youth welfare office set for the qualification of family day-care workers at larger family day-care facilities (room cooperative or cooperation between family day-care workers)?
0	Please only mark one response.
	At least one family day-care worker at a larger family day-care facility must be a qualified pedagogical staff member  Qualification of all family day-care workers as pedagogical staff members at the larger family day-care facility  Additional qualification specifically for the larger family day-care facility  No additional training required to work in a larger family day-care facility
	Remuneration   Part F
46	What basic rate does the youth welfare office pay self-employed family day-care workers?
The	basic rate is the gross hourly rate (in EUR) that a family day-care worker receives per child (support funding).
Bas	sic rate:
47	Does the remuneration provided by the youth welfare office depend on the qualifications of the respective family
41	day-care worker?
	Yes

No

48	Does your youth welfare office offer family day-care workers the fol	lowing support services?	
•	Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.		
		Yes	No
Regular exchange with other family day-care workers (networking events, peer consultation)			
Wo	rk shadowing in other family day-care facilities		
Re	gular exchange with ECEC centres		
Wo	rk shadowing in an ECEC centre		
Re	gular exchange in regional working groups		
Wo	rk shadowing of family day-care workers by staff from ECEC centres		
Sup	pervision	0)	
Fur	ther/advanced training	EN C	
These tasks are delegated to a day-care association or private provider.  Part F I Expert advice for family day-care workers			
Does your youth welfare office employ expert advisors for the family day-care workers?  Yes			
No → Go to Question 53.			
50	How many people does your provider employ as expert advisors for	r the family day-care worl	kers?
O	Indicate the number of persons and the number of full-time position	S.	
Full-time position (100%) = 1.00; three-quarter-time position (75%)= 0.75; etc.			
Number of staff:			
Number of full-time positions:			
How many family day-care workers are your provider's expert advisors responsible for in total?			
Indicate the number of family day-care workers active in your youth welfare office administrative district.			
Number of family day-care workers:			



Which of the following tasks are the expert advisors for family day-welfare office responsible for?	care employed by the you	uth
Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.		
	Yes	No
Individual support for family day-care workers		
Advice on pedagogical matters		
Aptitude test		
Supervision		
Organisation and further development of substitution arrangements		
Organisation of an experience exchange among family day- care workers		
Organisation of an experience exchange between family day-care workers and ECEC centres	<i>69)</i> .	
Advice on and organisation of further/advanced training for family day- care workers	58	
Implementation of further/advanced training for family day-care workers		
Mediation/implementation of the basic qualification		
External evaluation of the work of family day-care workers		
Advice for parents		
Advice for all providers, e.g. legal advice, employment advice, larger ECEC centres, etc.		
Does the youth welfare office implement/commission the following for its family day-care workers?	quality assurance measu	res
Please provide a response in <b>each</b> row.		
	Yes	No
Regular home visits		
Regular renewal of the childcare permit		
Mandatory further/advanced training for family day-care workers		
Regular evaluations		
Other forms of review		

54	Was one person mainly responsible for answering the questions?		
	Yes, me. Yes, another person. No		
55	How many people in total helped to complete this questionnaire?		
•	If you completed the questionnaire alone, please enter 1.  If you completed the questionnaire together with three other people, for example, please include yourself in the total and enter "4".		
Nui	Number of staff:		
56	What is today's date?		
Day	Day / Month:		
57	An ERiK-Survey was already conducted of the youth welfare offices back in 2020. Did your youth welfare office participate in the ERiK-Survey 2020?  Yes  No  Don't know		
	Yes		
	No No		
	Don't know		

Thank you for completing the questionnaire!



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