

AMT FÜR SOZIALE DIENSTE
FÜRSTENTUM LIECHTENSTEIN

OFFICE OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Our services

Unsere Dienstleistungen

The Office of Social Affairs together with the

- Children and Youth Division
- Social Services Division
- Therapeutic Services Division
- Internal Services

is a state institution and provides its services to all residents of the country free of charge.

Services provided by the Social Services Division

You may turn to our services if you have personal, social or financial questions:

- Advice and support with respect to personal (family, interpersonal), social (place of work, residence) and financial (debt, low income) matters
- Provision of economic support, insofar as your income does not cover your minimum standard of living
- Budgeting advice and settlement of debts
- Help in finding/arranging employment / job placements
- Support with respect to looking for and the provision of housing
- Social insurance information (unemployment insurance, health insurance, old-age and survivors' insurance and invalidity insurance, etc.)
- Setting up of guardianships and advisors in the adult field

Services provided by the Children and Youth Division

In addition to offering guidance and support our three units also provide a number of other services.

Child and Youth Support Unit

Children, young people and adults can turn to our unit with their questions and problems. We are a team of psychologists, social workers and educationists offering help in the following areas:

- Difficulties at school and in the family
- Crises and conflicts in puberty
- Abnormal behaviour, developmental disorders and psychological problems
- Separation and divorce: changes in the parental home, visiting and custody rights
- Risks to and infringement of a child's welfare through violence, abuse or neglect
- Threat of addiction
- Delinquency
- Personal problems related to work and education
- Funding of a childminder, a children's day centre or an educational / therapeutic measure
- Child adoption
- Paternity recognition

The unit is also responsible for overseeing external childcare centres and for authorising childminders

Child and Youth Development Unit

- Specialist support, co-ordination and advice in the field of youth work at municipal and national level
- Project support, development and monitoring
- Grant aid
- Development of strategies for action related to social developments affecting children and young people
- Interregional and international cooperation

Child and Youth Protection Unit

- Information and guidance
- Prevention in the field of high-risk and addictive behaviour: alcohol, nicotine, drugs; debts; new media
- Monitoring of child and youth protection regulations
- Interventions in the case of misdemeanours

Services provided by the Therapeutic Services Division

Our all-women team consisting of psychologists and a psychiatrist deals with the following issues:

- Psychological advice, treatments and care for people in need with psychological disorders and/or problems resulting from addictions
- Placement and referral to therapeutic care units
- Interventions in cases of domestic violence (victim-offender therapy)
- Implementation of diversional measures for offenses against the Controlled Substances Act (in cooperation with the Public Prosecutor's Office and the Liechtenstein national court)
- Consultations for prison inmates
- Implementation of official measures and court orders
- Drafting of psychiatric and psychological expert's reports and opinions for the legal authorities and courts
- Follow-up care for court-ordered secure accommodation referrals

Interdisciplinary services provided by the Office

In accordance with its statutory remit laid down in the Liechtenstein Social Welfare Act and in the Liechtenstein Children and Youth Act, the Office of Social Affairs is responsible for providing needs-based psychosocial services for the country's population.

Our office provides the following services:

- Co-ordination and supervision of private social welfare, child and youth support and child and youth care institutions
- Support of social projects
- PR work and the provision of information to the population on social topics
- Implementation of preventative measures in the field of addiction
- Co-ordinating and running projects in a variety of social fields (e.g. housing, old age, disablement, unemployment, reintegration and external care)
- Representing the state of Liechtenstein at regional and international organisations and conferences, at the behest of the government

Internal Services supports the other services and the director in particular with respect to administrative tasks.

Staff and employees are bound by the rules of professional confidentiality.

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