

Unaccompanied Minors and Youth Care

Child and Youth Services in the City of Vienna



Numbers

Asylum seeking unaccompanied minors in care:

Age	< 14	> 14
Jan 15	26	152
May 16	120	803


Male/Female: nearly 100% male refugees

Youth Welfare Office

- In September 2015, a coordination office for UAM was established with the goal to develop a forward-looking strategy for this challenge. All measures are performed in cooperation with NGOs

Basic principle: Integration from day one!

- Legal representation in asylum procedures (legal officers)
- Residential care: 50 new residential units were created (for up to 15 minors per facility, 24/7 care)
- Crisis center for UAM
- Special Unit for severely traumatized minors
- Foster Families with special training (for younger minors)
- Host Families (for older minors)

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Recent developments


- Welcome workshops for UAM from Afghanistan providing information on: school, health, religion, sexuality in Austria
- Information on trauma and self-help videos for minors (in different languages)
- Training for the staff of the residential care units on Emergency Pedagogy

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Prospects:

- Youth colleges for 1000 youngsters (age 15-21) preparing them for regular apprenticeships (vocational preparation course)
- Basic education courses for 380 for young people (fighting illiteracy)

Question: What happens to the hundreds (?) of „disappeared“ minors?

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Video Example (Youtube: search for „Hannes Kolar“)

