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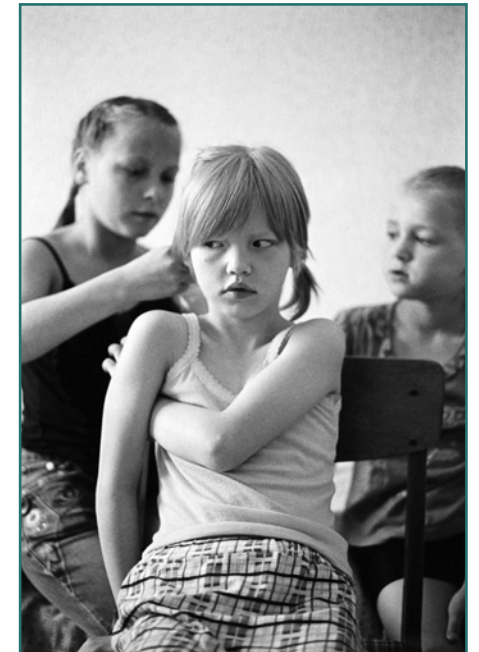
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 Children and Youth At Risk 

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"Children and young adults experience a greater risk of poverty and social exclusion than the average population. One of the main objectives is to develop functioning structures with a professional staff to deal with this challenge."

- CYAR Programme

CYAR PROGRAMME

'The Children and Youth at Risk in the Barents region' co-operation programme (CYAR 2008-2012) has been developed as a result of growing concern regarding marginalized youth and children in the region. The CYAR programme is run by a Steering Committee, composed by all Barents partners.



WHAT TO DO?

The CYAR programme emphasize that all efforts should aim to strengthen the public services – primarily the public sector – and their ability to adequately assist and support children and youth on the individual level. The creation of a common understanding of targets groups and their living conditions is an important basis for the work. The Steering Committee works to increase the knowledge about the target groups, to identify the needs for competence and promote well documented interventions with positive results.



HOW TO DO IT?

The CYAR programme aims to improve life conditions for the target groups through:

- Cooperative actions in general
- Project activities in particular

The Purpose of cooperative actions crossing regional and national borders is to create frameworks for exchange of information and experience. The purpose of project activities is to build partnerships between public institutions at all levels and NGOs in the Barents region with responsibility for the well being of youth and children. Hands-on activities and local engagement of NGOs make them a valuable resource for information and as project partners.

In the work of the CYAR programme 'family' is the key word. All efforts should promote the sustaining, strengthening, recreation or – as last resort- substitution of family.

The following fields of competence will receive special attention;

- Strengthening of parental resources
- Development of foster care services
- Social skills training for children and youth
- Monitoring of the rights of the child

WHAT TO EXPECT?

Through the CYAR programme, the Steering Committee will work to achieve the following results;

- to improve the situation overview on children and youth at risk in the Barents region
- to increase public competence building activities
- to improve coordination of co-operation efforts in the region
- to increase the use of well-documented methods
- to increase dissemination of positive results from project partnerships
- to strengthen the supervision of the rights of the individual child

Through CYAR there will be arranged an annual Barents Expert Conference on prioritized fields of competence.

