

Monitoring Child Welfare in Lithuania

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Country characteristics

- 14 000 children left without parental care
- 6 000 living in institutions
- 96 institutions
- 3 000 are left without parental care in a year

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Legislation and Measures

- Government's schedule about data collection
- The National Strategy of the Child Welfare
- Information systems about social assistance

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Institutions

- Ombudsmen
- Ministry of Social Security and Labour
- State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service under the MSSL
- The Department of Supervision Social Institutions under MSSL
- Municipal Children Rights Protection Offices

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Cooperation with NGO

- No uniform data bases
- Risk for the institutionalized children to stay in the shadow

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Current trends

- Social Services Act 2006
- The strategy for reform of the child welfare

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