

2020 – a vision for a child-friendly justice

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Situation in Switzerland



Steps towards a child-friendly justice system

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- Lobbying for some improvements in domestic law
- A national study and a survey of the situation how child friendly our justice system is and what are the main field of actions.
- To make the Child friendly Justice Guidelines more known amongst professionals in the field.

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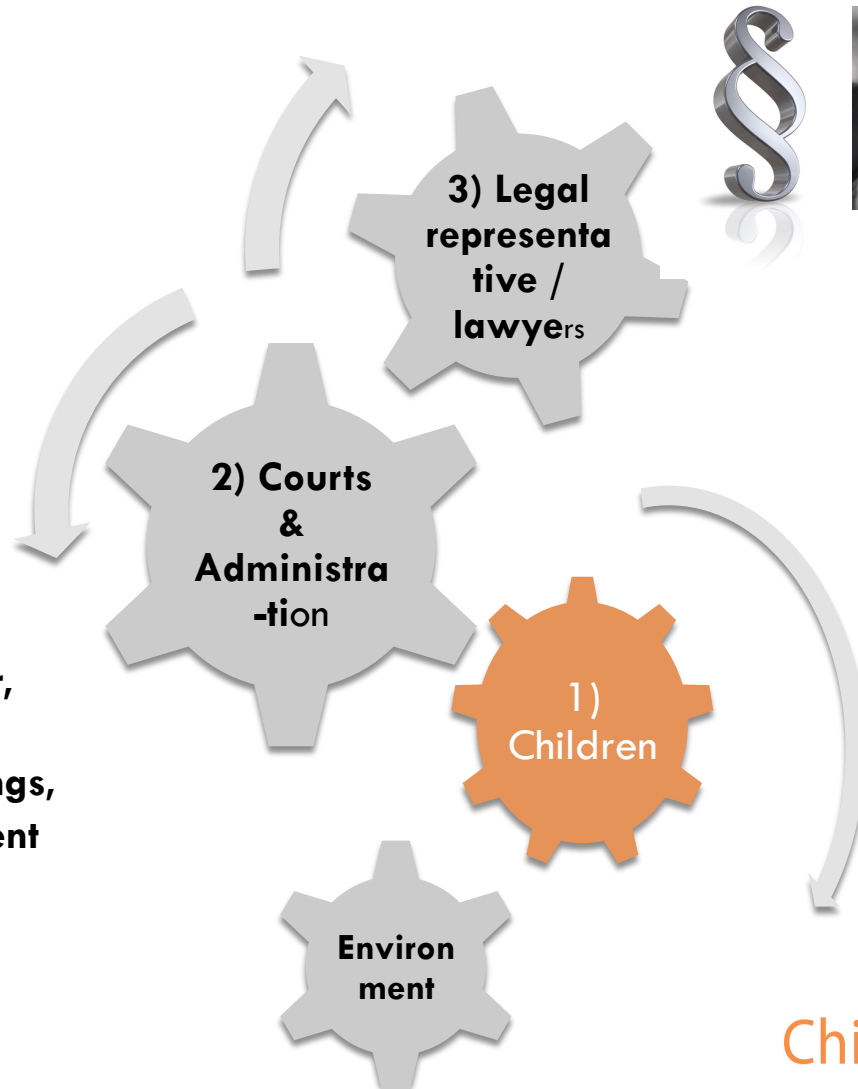
- Independent NGO based in Winterthur (founded 2006)
- **Mission of Kinderanwaltschaft**
 - ▣ Promotion and awareness raising of the Child friendly Justice Guidelines in Switzerland.
 - ▣ To strengthen all children who are in contact with the civil, criminal or administrative justice system.
- **Objectives**
 - Child friendly justice Guidelines are implemented in the justice system (courts and administrations)
 - Professionals are informed and trained in child friendly justice

Strategy and measures to achieve a child friendly justice 2020

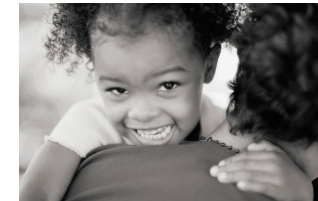
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1) Information and consultation for children and their families

What we do

- Information about the CFJ-Guidelines
- Initiate trainings for professionals
- Presenting good practice
- Develop child-friendly tools
- Provide expert knowlegde

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What we do

Every year we focus on a specific topic of the CFJ Guidelines

- 2014: The right to express your view and to be heard
- 2015: Legal representation of children

Where we do

Since 2013 we follow this strategy in the German part of Switzerland
– in 2016 also in the French and Italian Part

How we do

- Website with information
- A member area with a specific knowledge portal for members and a list of independent and qualified legal guardians
- Newsletters
- We work with partners (NGOs, Universities of applied science, courts, child protection authorities and services, and from 2015 on with prosecutors and the police)
- Lobbying (legislation)

Management and Divisions



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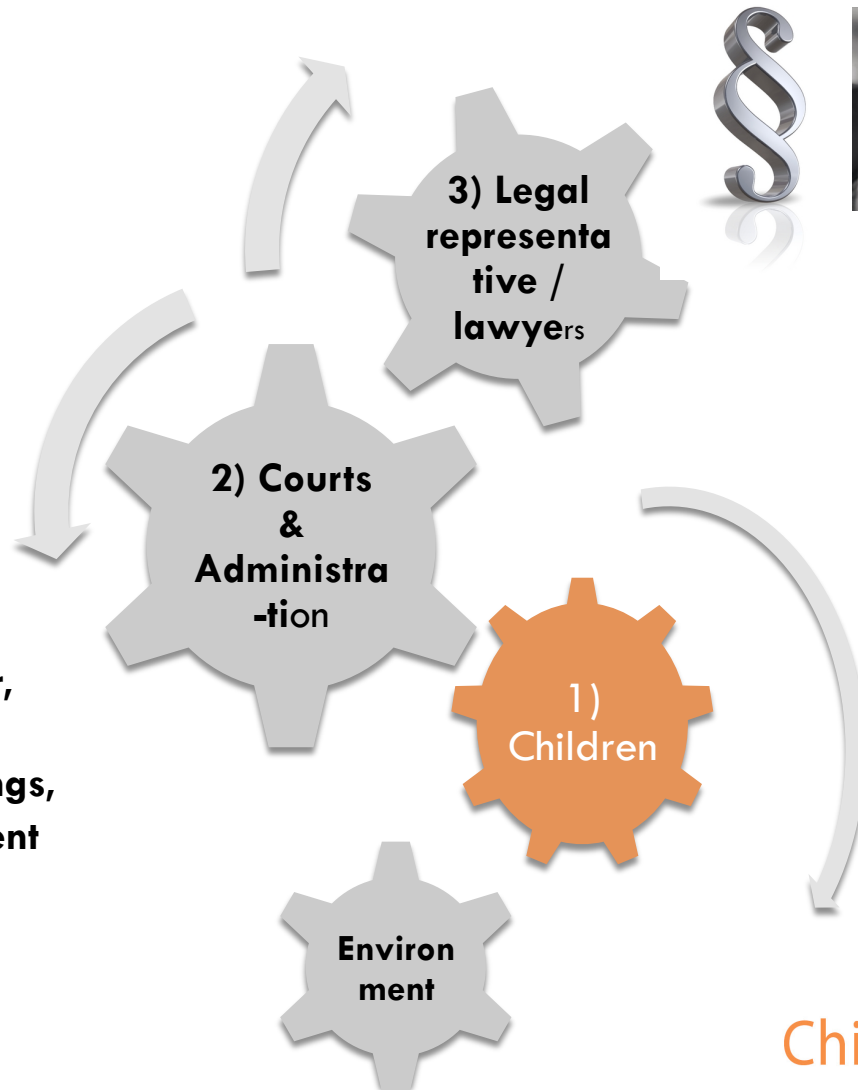
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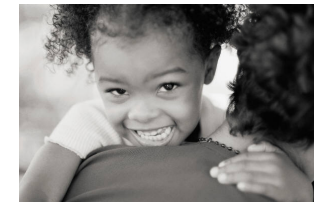
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Recommendations of action for the Council of Europe

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Recommendations of action for the Council of Europe (and other international organisations – e.g. UNICEF) to overcome lasting obstacles in order to accelerate positive developments

- To support national initiatives from NGOs to make the CFJ-Guidelines known (bottom up strategy)
 - ▣ NGOs are independent and can act as facilitators
- To develop a Handbook with practical tools for professionals including a self-assessment tool for the institutions

Thank you for your attention!

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