



RĪGAS VALSTSPILSĒTAS PAŠVALDĪBA
RĪGA LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Pledge to the European Pillar of Social Rights

Commitment to the Principle 11 ‘Childcare and support to children’

About Riga Municipality work on Social Pillar

Riga is committed to guarantee children’s rights, improve social inclusion of children from vulnerable groups and refugees, and promote child participation. To achieve this, the city has set as one of its social welfare priorities support to children, especially children with functional disabilities and their families ensuring that form and type of support is based on assessment of children's needs (individual approach), needs and resources of the family as a system (family-centred practice), cooperative relations (based on respect and open communication) and professional social workers (professionals as partners).

These efforts have resulted in:

- ⌚ cross-sectoral collaboration between Riga City Council Welfare department, Riga Social service, Riga City Children and Youth centre, Riga City Orphan's and Custody Court, Municipal police, schools and numerous social service providers;
- ⌚ targeted programmes for prevention and social intervention, both at individual and community level, with psycho-social support to families at risk of social exclusion;
- ⌚ early intervention programs;
- ⌚ home care service;
- ⌚ support service to the families with children with functional disabilities;
- ⌚ 3-day care centres.

Riga future plans and targets 2023-2025

Riga will stay committed to:

- Continue provide municipal support to children with special needs, through individualized home care service - voucher for children with functional disabilities until the day they reach 20 years of age. The purpose of the service is to provide the child's basic needs, care, supervision, development of self-care abilities and meaningful leisure time.

- Maintain technically and financially Riga Municipality Children and Youth Center
- Undertake responsibility to provide Latvian language courses at least to 30 Ukrainian schoolchildren/ students autumn 2023- spring 2024, in order to improve social integration of Ukrainian children refugees
- Prepare at least 2 apartments in municipality housing for at least 10 orphan youngsters in 2024-2025.
- Create new places at a day care centre for children and young people with functional disabilities.
- Develop ideas for new service - developing street social work with young people.

Riga, 20 July 2023

Acting Chairman of the Riga City Council

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Vilnis Ķīris