

# JEUGDBESCHERMING ROTTERDAM RIJNMOND

Protecting Children Together

WE PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO FAMILIES STRUGGLING WITH SERIOUS CHILD-REARING DIFFICULTIES. WE AIM TO IMPROVE THEIR DOMESTIC SITUATION AND PREVENT THE PROBLEMS FROM GETTING OUT OF HAND.

## **What if parents cannot solve their child-rearing problems alone?**

Our Child Protection Officer will intervene if the safety and/or development of the children is compromised. We are required by law to report this to the Raad voor de Kinderbescherming (Child Care and Protection Board), which will then investigate the children's home situation.

Based on the outcome of their investigation, a judge working in the child protection system may then decide that a Child Protection Measure is to be imposed. This is a form of compulsory child-rearing support in conjunction with supervision. Jeugdbescherming Rotterdam Rijnmond (Rotterdam Rijnmond Youth Protection Agency) is responsible for enforcing these Child Protection Measures. There are four options available:

### **1. Child Protection Recommendation:**

While this form of support is not compulsory, it is also not free of obligation for parents. In this case, we encourage the family to solve their own problems.

### **2. Formal Supervision:**

In this case, the parents' authority over their child or children is restricted, although they do remain in charge. Parents who have been placed under formal supervision are required to follow the written and verbal instructions provided by the Child Protection Officer.

### **3. Guardianship:**

In this situation, the child is assigned to a Child Protection Officer who acts as the child's formal guardian and representative, assuming responsibility for the child's upbringing. He or she determines who will raise the child, and will supervise the child or children throughout as well as acting as their legal representative and managing their finances.

### **4. Juvenile Probation:**

Dutch juvenile courts are competent to impose Juvenile Probation on children, adolescents and young adults aged 12 to 18/23 who have committed a criminal offence. Juvenile Probation is a combination of close supervision and monitoring, the purpose of which is to prevent young people from re-offending.

### **Our approach**

We encourage parents to solve their own problems and assist and support them in this process. We work together with parents, the family's social network, counsellors and other professionals. Our Youth Protection Officers are responsible for ensuring that families receive structured and consistent support. We set out to develop a plan together with the family, in which we list the improvements that the family needs to make so they can continue without our support.

### **Emergencies**

We can provide immediate assistance in the event of an emergency and can be reached 24 hours a day at +31 (0)10 233 0000.

### **Additional information**

If you have any questions, please contact your Child Protection Officer at +31 (0)10 233 0000. For further information, please visit [www.jbrr.nl](http://www.jbrr.nl) (in Dutch only).

**EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO GROW  
UP SAFE.**

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