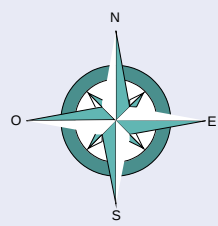


Improving UMC's Transition to Adulthood: Mentorship

Mentorship



The concept of voluntary mentorship is developed in order to provide aged-out UMC with continuous and stable support and guidance, which follows the termination of guardianship.

Objective of U-CARE project
Develop and improve alternative care systems for unaccompanied migrant children (UMC) in Europe.

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Concept

For many unaccompanied minors in Europe, turning 18 means that the relationship with their guardian ends. However, many express the need to have someone reliable and trustworthy to accompany them in the challenges ahead. A mentor can be a critical pillar of support during this important transition period.

The volunteer mentors:

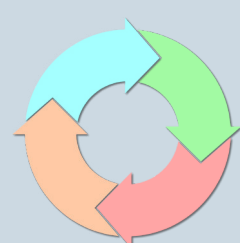
- are reliable partners,
- support the young people in legal and bureaucratic tasks,
- provide guidance regarding everyday life.

The mentorship can be arranged in three different forms and adapted to needs and local structures in place:

- A. The guardian becomes the mentor: same person stays in place.
- B. For a limited period a tandem guardian - mentor guides the UMC.
- C. When the guardianship ends, a mentor takes over.

Important cornerstones of the concept include further training for mentors and cooperation between youth welfare institutions and volunteers.

Targets and Benefits



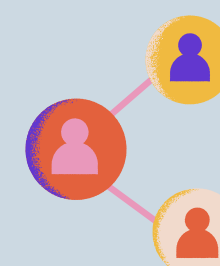
Stability and continuity during the challenging transition phase



Strengthening autonomy and necessary everyday skills



Providing advice in legal and bureaucratic issues



Structured handover between legal representatives and mentors



Strengthening the informal network



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