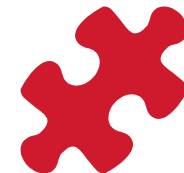


Responsibilities regarding to UAM



Fedasil

- Federal agency for the reception of asylum seekers
- Responsible for the observation and reception of UAM's



Regional Agencies in charge of youth care

- Partly integrated into the federal reception model for UAM
- Supplementary offer (foster care, semi independent care, ...); Independent from administrative status



Guardianship Service

- Identification of the UAM
- Recruiting and supporting guardians

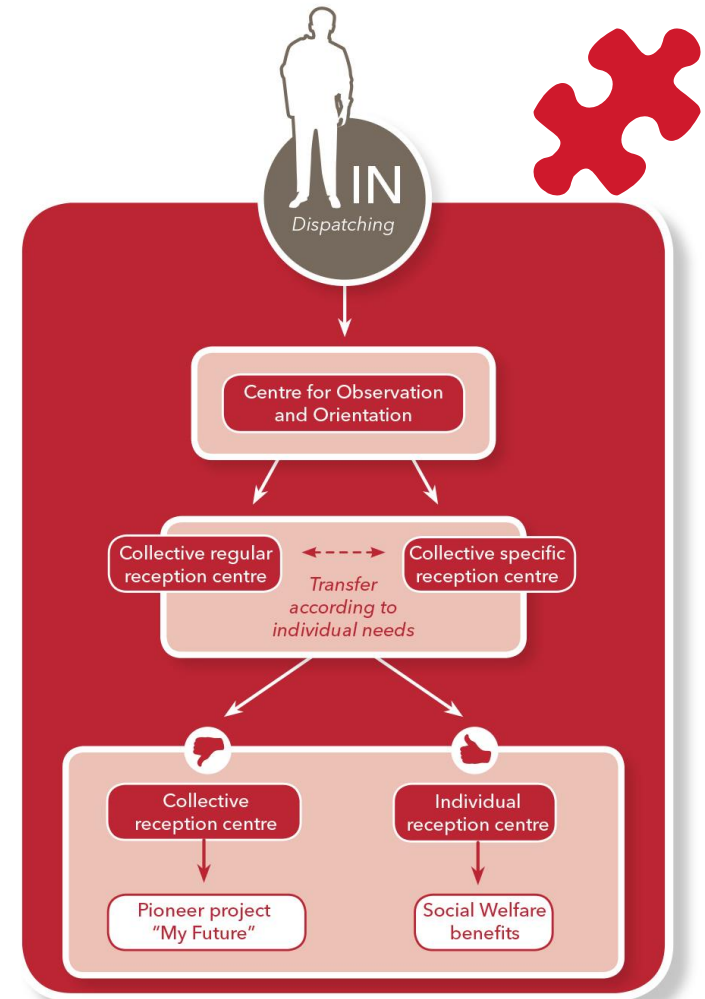
Reception Model UAM

Belgium has an adapted trajectory for the reception of **unaccompanied minors** consisting of **3 reception phases**.

The purpose of the first phase is two-fold: **identification** (guardianship service) + **detecting possible vulnerabilities** and orienting the UAM to an adapted reception structure

In the second phase, the UAM's are guided in their **school** careers and are progressively prepared for more **autonomy**.

UAM's whose **application for international protection has been accepted** can move on to the third reception phase. In a Local Reception Initiative (organised by the Public Social Welfare Centres in the municipalities) the UAM's receive the necessary guidance preparing them for independent living.



Transition to adulthood



- If the UAM reaches the **age of majority** before a decision has been made regarding his application for protection, he is transferred to a **reception place for adults** (often in the same reception structure)
- UAM who received a **negative decision** with regard to their application for protection, can receive shelter until they reach the age of majority. They are actively **informed about voluntary return** or possible alternatives.
- UAM who still need help after the third reception phase (or after their 18th birthday for those who do not have a residence permit) can submit an application for this to the regional agencies competent for youth care
 - **Youth care is available** (maximum) **up to the age of 25** (case-specific)
 - An independent service decides whether the requested help is justified (no automatic system)
- Fedasil is working on the possibility of providing (vulnerable) **young adults** (up to 25 years of age) with a more **intensive guidance**.