Support during and after transition to adulthood – The Netherlands (1)



	Before 18	After 18	After 18
		With residence permit	Without residence permit
	 □ Guardian Nidos □ Reception and daily care - in reception families Nidos (15-) - in small scale reception Nidos/ contracted parties (15+ with permit) - in COA reception for unaccompanied children (15+ no permit) 	By local government Independent housing Practical support intensity and duration differ and depends on local policy Income supplement if necessary amount varies and depends on local policy Preparation period at 17,5 years and warm transfer at 18 years	By COA Adult reception centre Casemanagement or When asylum procedure is not granted: lose right to reception, social services and education
		Regular care system	Asylum care system - if going through asylum procedure Only emergency care - if asylum procedure is not granted
Si Si		Regular education and work	No new education No work

Support during and after transition to adulthood – The Netherlands (2)



of unaccompanied children turn 18:

2019: 1643 children

2020: 1259 children

2021: **714** children (till now)



24 is the average age of a young Dutch adult when leaving the parental house



Dutch children in foster care or family-care homes can stay till the age of 21

Support during and after transition to adulthood – The Netherlands (3)



Overall

- There is a lot of change in the facilities they can use, when unaccompanied children turn 18
- By law they are 18 years old and officially mature
- They can't fall back on the same possibilities like most young Dutch people can, while they may even need it more

Current development about the unaccompanied children with permit

- Local government experience challenges in fulfilling the responsibility at the age of 18
- A national working group investigates various solutions, based on a parliamentary motion
- National Ombudsman and Ombudsman for Children investigate the transition to adulthood of unaccompanied children
- ⇒ Nidos proposes continued reception and support up to the age of 21