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**The situation of young people with particular social difficulties in
the Baltic States with examples from Estonia.**



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General situation in Estonia

- **Population 1,347 million people**
- **Administrative level we have 15 counties (smallest county with population with 12000)**
- **And about 220 local authorities (smallest local authority with population 500)**
- **Capital is Tallinn with population ca 400000 people**
- **In Tallinn: Estonians ca 54%, Russians ca 37%**
- **In Tallinn: Youngsters from age 7-26: 99 084**

Tallinn Strategy 2006-2010

- **Strengthen the cooperation between education, social, sport, culture, medical and police sectors - networking**
- **Problem: child by law 0-18, young 7-26**
- **In Tallinn we have 8 districts and each district have different possibilities and resources for youth work**
- **This year City Council agreed youth strategy for Tallinn 2006 - 2010**

Some points from strategy

- There will be central coordination by City Government Sport and Youth Department
- One problem is youngsters participation – how to make things attractive for them?
- Central City Government and 8 districts governments – some coordination conflicts
- How to follow all regulations, strategies in the Tallinn, also in the state level and also in the districts level?

Mobile Youth Work

- **Seminars with ISMO**
- **Special activities for youth in special needs,**
- **Partnership program Children at Risk**
- **In Tallinn ca 5000 children at risk**
- **Networking with different sectors**
- **New services, possibilities**
- **Cooperation with Tallinn University and Tallinn Pedagogical seminar**
- **Human resources**

Tallinn Center for Children at Risk

Tallinn Center for Children at Risk is temporary home for children in need.

Tallinn Center for Children at Risk is the oldest shelter in Tallinn, established in 1993.

- The center consists of two separate shelters with 56 workers. Tallinn City Government (not state money) finances center and we have all together 46 places for children:
- Lilleküla center (since 1993) specializes on children without parental care. There are 16 places in the shelter for children at age of 3-18.
- Nõmme tee center (since 2000) specializes on children with addiction problems. There are 30 places in the center for children at age of 10-18.

Future

- This year we started to develop new - additional 20 places center project;
- It should be opened in year 2007;
- Project is financed by Tallinn City Government;
- Need to invest more money to staff supervisions, international exchange, trainings, etc.
- Systematic follow up analysis of our work.

Thank you!



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