

What is the AJSD?

The Ambulante Justizsozialdienst (AJSD, agency for criminal justice social work) is part of the Lower Saxony justice system. About 450 employees, who perform duties in the fields of probation service, supervision of conduct, court assistance and offender-victim mediation, are working in the AJSD.

Criminal justice social workers are involved in the social reintegration of criminal offenders, support their clients in avoiding going to prison due to unpaid fines, prepare reports on participants in the proceedings and settle disputes.

We cooperate with private agencies and network partners concerned with offender and victim support and we support voluntary work.

The AJSD is committed to the basic values of tolerance, social justice, human rights and non-violent conflict resolution.

The AJSD does prevention work for our society and contributes to internal security.



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Probation Service for Youths and Young Adults in the AJSD



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What is the Probation Service for Youths and Young Adults?

The youth court has sentenced you to youth custody and has suspended the enforcement of this sentence. Juvenile criminal law applies only if you were a youth or young adult at the time of the crime, i.e. at least 14 years but not yet 21 years of age.

Or you have already served part of your sentence. The youth court dismisses you prematurely and suspends the remainder of your sentence on probation.

You are expected not to commit any further offences in future.

In both cases, the youth court appoints a probation officer for youths and young adults for a maximum period of two years, who will supervise and support you.

The probation officer for youths and young adults prepares regular reports for the youth court on your current life situation and your personal development and communicates whether you comply with conditions and directions.

In Lower Saxony, probation service tasks for youths and young adults are performed by the criminal justice social workers of the Lower Saxony AJSD.

Purpose of Probation

For the duration of the probation period, the youth court imposes conditions of probation on you and/or issues directions. They are to have an educational effect on your way of living.

On termination of the probation period, remission of sentence is to be ordered if you have not committed any further offences. This requires an order of the youth court.

Duration of Probation Period

The probation period will last no less than one and no more than four years. The court may subsequently reduce or prolong this period to its minimum or maximum, respectively.

Support and Monitoring

For the duration of the probation period, the youth court will impose conditions of probation on you and issue directions. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Making restitution for the harm caused by the offence.
- Personally apologising to the injured person.
- Performing certain kinds of work.
- Paying a sum of money to a charitable organisation.
- Undergoing a therapy.
- Following instructions which relate to your residence and leisure.
- Taking up training or employment.
- Attending a social skills training course or safe-driving classes.
- Not contacting certain persons or frequenting specified places.

Conditions and directions may generally be amended or supplemented.

Your probation officer will support and advise you in particular on

- owning up to your offence and its consequences;
- preparing your release from the young offenders institution, therapy facility or any other inpatient facilities;
- complying with the conditions and directions;
- looking for career prospects;
- clarifying matters concerning public authorities;
- filing applications and writing letters;
- preparing a settlement of debts;
- attending court hearings;
- clarifying issues with partners, family members, employers, landlords;
- establishing contact with other counselling agencies, communal living projects, authorities.

