Informal expert group on the rights of the child - 27 May
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1. Introduction

Current system:

- Universal, preventative and specialised services
- Different layers of government are responsible
- 2 ministries, 15 provincial and 408 municipalities
- Youth Care Act (2005) and Social Support Act (2007)
The need for change


- High level of fragmentation
- Lack of coordination of care to families
- Disproportionate use of specialised services
- Prevailing practice of referring clients
- Unmanageability
Different funding authorities prevents an integrated approach.
2. Aims of the system change

Change in vision (‘transformation’)
- ‘from care far away to prevention, support and care closeby’
- ‘from complex to simple care’
- ‘from single service to an integrated approach’
- 1plan - 1family - 1director

Change in governance (‘transition’)
- responsibilities of ministries of Health, Welfare and Sports (VWS) and Security and Justice (VenJ), provinces and health insurers to local government
- in coherence with other decentralisations (inclusive education, possible changes in social security, social support)

Change in funding
- Merging of systems of funding
- Cuts to the budget (15%)
All children’s services to local government

Huidig jeugdstelsel

- Gemeenten
  - Jeugdgezondheidszorg
  - Opvoed- en opgroeiondersteuning
- Provincies
  - Geïndiceerde jeugdzorg
  - Jeugdbescherming, Jeugdreclassering
- Rijk
  - Gesloten jeugdzorg
- Rijk via Zorgverzekeraars en zorgkantoren
  - Jeugd GGZ
- Rijk via zorgkantoren
  - Jeugd (L)VB
    (m.u.v. verblijfszorg voor jeugdigen die i.v.m. hun verstandelijke beperking levenslang en levensbreed zorg nodig hebben)
    Begeleiding en persoonlijke verzorging van jeugdigen (+ bijbehorend vervoer en kortdurend verblijf) voor alle AWBZ-grondslagen

Nieuw jeugdstelsel vanaf 2015

- Gemeenten
  - Alle ondersteuning, hulp en zorg bij opgroeio-, opvoedings- en psychische problemen en stoornissen:
    - Preventie (o.a. JGZ o.b.v. WPG)
    - Jeugdhulp
    - Jeugdbescherming
    - Jeugdreclassering
    - AMHK
3. Quality Assurance

**Legal requirements**
Convention on the Rights of the Child

- a qualitatively and quantatively sufficient offer of services
- youth services must be easily accessible
- always reachable and available in emergencies
- access to youth services through referrals by general practitioners and pediatricians
- Duty to offer youth services
- Information and permission
- File-use, complaints procedure and client participation
Local government will be responsible for the funding and policy for child protection and youth probation services

- Any child protection or youth probation order and the additional care referred to
- Care reports concerning children
- Setting up Advice and Reporting Centre for Domestic Violence en Child Abuse
- Setting up a 24/7 crisis intervention service.
Certification

• Child Protection en Youth Probation orders can only be executed by certified organisations
• An organisation can become certified if it meets all the requirements in the recently developed quality framework
• The framework was designed based on the input of children’s services, local government and a number of other experts and stakeholders
• Regular audits will be held to check the organisations still meet the requirements
5. Decentralisation Programme

• A joint programme from both ministries and association of dutch municipalities
• Up to 2014; developing legal and policy framework
• Local governments start to transform and develop local policies

In 2014:
• Transformation: Local government innovate with youth service providers and stakeholders
• Contracts and budgets are finalised
• Implementation: Government monitors, advises and intervenes on problem areas
• Continued policy development
6. Transformation of Central Government

- Government is responsible for the functioning of the system
- Monitoring of quality through certification and inspections
- Monitoring of legal requirements
- Evaluation of the system
- Letting go control of policy and allowing local government autonomy
- Still responsible for the criminal justice framework and policies
Conclusions

- The Youth Law will enter into force on 1 January 2015
- One year implementation period is given to municipalities and organisations
- Evaluation of the system after 3 years

Thank you for your attention, questions?
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