

## The Duty of Care to the Berlin Youth in Custody

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### **Abstract**

Juvenile delinquency is a temporary phenomenon that many young people outgrow by their mid-twenties. German juvenile penal policy and the prison system has been established around human dignity, rehabilitation and states guardianship. In comparison to other states, German juvenile justice has also remained faithful to their rehabilitative approach when dealing with juveniles, while many other states have adopted a more punitive approach. By the means of expert interview, the project set out to determine if the practice also reflects theory. In the process, the youth was narrowed down to the youth who has immigration, refugee and asylum background and results reflect that despite the systems rehabilitative and educational approach, those who differ from the mainstream are dealt by the criminal justice system differently.