

## You have the right to:

Love and care

A safe environment to grow up in

Spend time with those who are near and dear to you

Go to school and time and space for studying)

To have and get access to information

To be yourself

Leisuretime, hobbies and rest

To express your opinion

Talk about things that matter to you

Equality

Know your rights

Not experience violence or any kind of harmful treatment

## What if things aren't quite as they should be?

If a member of staff or another person is worried about how you are and if things at home are OK, s/he will contact a member of the social welfare team. A child protection matter may also be raised by you or your parents.

## Let's find out how you are!

During the assessment of child protection needs, the social worker will assess your family's daily life, resources and improvement needs together with you and your parents, as well as any support you may need. S/he wants to know how you and your family are.



## How does it work?

The social worker arranges meetings with you and your parents. In the meetings your opinions on your situation as well as your parents' thoughts about you, your daily life and their parenting are heard.

Other adults you know may be present in the meetings and the meetings can be held for example at your school or at your home. If needed, the social worker can also be in touch with other people or officials important to you.



## What about considering you?

Individual meetings will be arranged with you, where you will have a chance to tell us about your thoughts and where we will discuss matters relating to your day-to-day life.

In these meetings, your wishes, opinions and needs will be heard. It is important that the social worker and other adults know, what your opinions are.

So – tell us what you're thinking!



If you're having a difficult time, if you're feeling bad or if anything is worrying you, please tell the social worker. It is their job to, together with you and your parents, think about different ways of supporting you and your family.

Things that are worrying me, or that I want to ask about:

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Things that are going well in my life:

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Things that I need support with:

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### Then what?

After the thoughts and opinions of you and your parents, and possibly also other adults or people close to you, have been heard, the social worker will assess whether you are in need of child protection support. A summary of the meetings will also be written, where your and your parents' opinion on your situation is recorded.

If you need help or support, you will become a client of child protection, and you and your family will be helped according to aims and objectives which have been agreed on together.



### Contact details:

Your social worker is:

Name:

Telephone number:

Email:

Additional details:

In the evenings, at night or at weekends, you can get help from:

Where to get more information:

[www.lastensuojelu.info/en/](http://www.lastensuojelu.info/en/)

[www.asiaalastensuojelusta.fi](http://www.asiaalastensuojelusta.fi)

[www.mll.fi/en/](http://www.mll.fi/en/)

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This leaflet has been produced as a dissertation together with young people who are clients of the Child Protection Services.



*You have the right to a good life!*

*You have the right to be yourself and as valuable as everyone else!*

## About The assessment of child protection needs

*Child protection is about your welfare, safety and future!*