

Guardianship for unaccompanied minor asylum seekers

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The work of Nidos

UMA's and return

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Introduction

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Summary

- Short outline of the relevant parties in the Netherlands;
- Nidos as the legal guardian;
- Dutch policy on UMA's;
- Working methods of Nidos;
- Concrete cases.

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Working parties in the Netherlands

Globally:

Guardianship: Nidos

Entry en residence: Immigration and Naturalization Service (IND);

Return: Return and Departure Service (DT&V).

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Nidos as the legal guardian

One organization for guardianship for UMA's in the Netherlands;

Nidos is appointed as guardian by the Juvenile Court;

Guardianship is immediately organized upon arrival of an UMA in the Netherlands;

Nidos is a professional organization - all guardians have a Bachelor degree in Social Work

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Mission of the guardian

The duty of the guardian is:

Assisting an UMA towards independency;

Give the interest of the child the highest priority;

Intervene when the development of the child is threatened in any way.

Responsibility and accountability – Dutch Civil Code.

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Dutch policy on UMA's

The Best interest of the child: speedy clarification;

Return as soon as possible if asylum application is denied.

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Nidos methods

Cross Border Network;

Return Official - getting insights in the actual situation after return;

Try to involve local parties;

Working together with relevant parties (IOM etc.).

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Concrete cases

Case 1: Boy from Iraq

Case 2 (unresolved): Girl from Mongolia.

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