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Prevention in the Netherlands

Challenges and promises

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Growing up in the Netherlands

Zooming out:

- High standard of well being
- Healthy children
- Low school dropout, youth unemployment, level of poverty, teenage pregnancies

Zooming in:

- Growing difference, mainly caused by early streaming in education
- Growing number of young people needing child and youth care



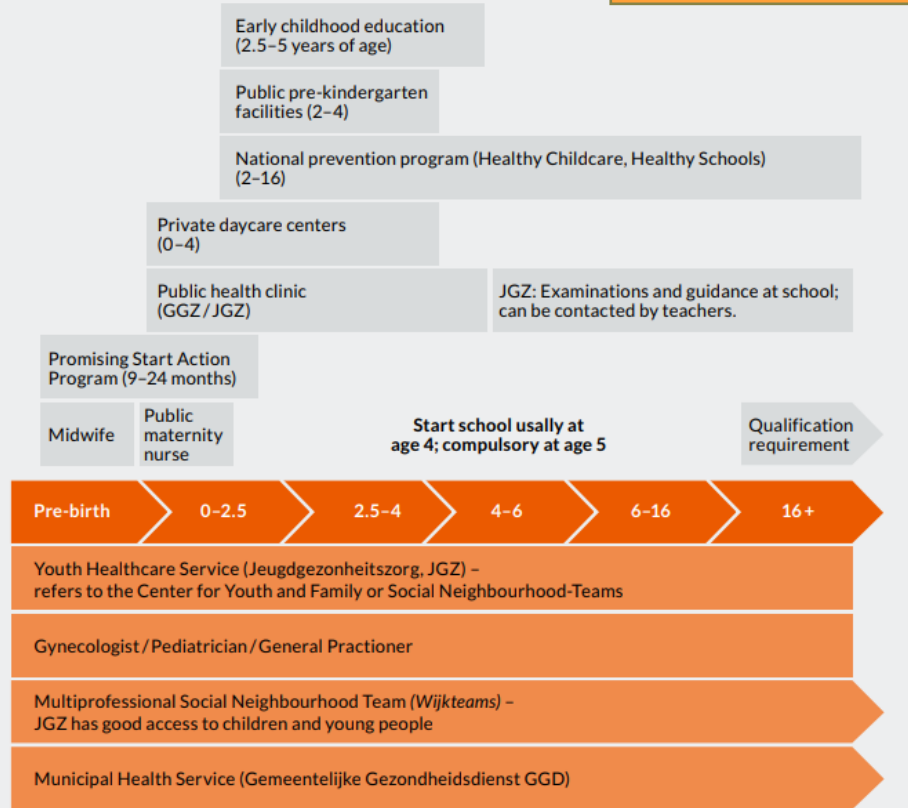
Changing the system - Reform

- All system change in 2015
- Central role 344 municipalities – extensive responsibilities
- Turn around growing care -> earlier intervention
- Integration of forms of care
- Concentrating all services for children & young people
- Challenges in access and contracting
- Transforming without prevention?



What prevention looks like for children and young people's services in the Netherlands

FIGURE 1: The prevention chain in the Netherlands



Source: Authors' illustration

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Where are we now?

- Back at the drawing table
- Crisis
- Paradigm shift needed
- Lessons from Covid
- New challenges?



Are we meeting the challenges and promises?

Ongoing debate:

- Prevention or excluding risks?
- Is growing up smoothly real?
- Better prepared or being reactive?

Thank you!

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