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?
FIGURE 1: The prevention chain in the Netherlands

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