



The CID –  
creating opportunities



The CJD offers orientation and opportunities for the future to 155,000 youths and adults every year. At more than 150 different locations, they receive support, care and training from 9,500 paid staff and many volunteers. The underlying principle is the Christian concept of the human being, based on the vision: 'Let no one fall by the wayside.'

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## The CJD Educational Concept

We love people, for God loves us, the people. Because every person is an absolute value, education is always of equal value, regardless of the possibilities and limitations the individual brings with them. The right to education is indispensable.

- We encourage curiosity
- We respect freedom
- We open paths
- We create community



## The character development in the CJD

The work of the CJD is based on the Christian concept of the human being. A holistic educational approach is derived from this concept and reflected in the four key areas:

- Religious education
- Musical education
- Sport and health education
- Political education





### Quality with profile

In its day care centres (crèches, nursery schools, after school care centres) the CJD would like to support children through a holistic educational approach to character development and strengthen them through implementing the key educational areas for building character (religious, sport and health, musical and political education).

The unique child, with its individual needs, abilities and interests is always at the centre of the educational

activity. Based on that principle as well as on enhanced educational quality, the CJD has developed profiles to even further differentiate our educational work through: supporting (intellectual) giftedness, inclusion, speech and integration, music, bilingualism and health.

In addition to its day care centres, the CJD offers living and social space oriented opportunities for the whole family. The CJD views strengthening mothers' and

fathers' relationship and parenting skills and their ability to deal with everyday problems as well as helping with conflict resolution as a chance to make the whole family strong and counter unequal opportunities.





### We support young people and families in their development

Through early assistance for day care, various mobile assistance and in-house facilities, the CJD offers diverse assistance and offers based on the needs of young people, which, thanks to the diversity of the CJD, usually include tailor-made opportunities regarding education and study. The people to whom we have to offer this include children, youths,



young adults as well as their parents and also parents to be.

As an 'Opportunity Provider,' we want to make the participation and the realisation of these opportunities possible and thereby support young people and their families in developing and implementing their idea of a successful life. Living and social space orientation is also a foundation for our work.

Alongside the further development of our, in part, highly specialised offers such as assisted family living or small groups for children and youths that need extra attention, we develop new educational concepts and evaluation methods in cooperation with scientific and professional associations for educational assistance.



## Germany's largest private school provider

The CJD runs 50 schools in Germany – and is thereby Germany's largest private school provider. In March 2014, 13,025 pupils were taught by 1,357 teachers at 30 locations in 11 German states.

The schools fall under nine categories of schools, from technical schools through special schools to academic secondary schools. This type of school, with around 6,000 pupils, is the largest in the CJD.

Moreover, the CJD works in the following educational fields: the support of intellectually gifted pupils, top athletes as well as pupils limited by disabilities, work with children and youth with disabilities, work with pupils with partial performance disorders and pupils with 'underachiever' symptoms.



## The key to a personal future

Under the framework of career guidance counselling and career start mentoring, the CJD already supports students with planning their career paths.

After leaving school, young people can discover their own, personal career path through courses on preparing for a career, orientation courses or in work-oriented production schools.

In many professional fields, they can complete a full vocational training in CJD institutions and workshops. There is also the possibility of taking the normal, occupational training path, albeit supported and guided by the CJD.

In terms of lifelong learning, the offers from the CJD extend from advanced occupational trainings or retraining all the way to individual and group courses.



### Promoting health as a task for the future

People who are handicapped or are threatened with a disability have a right to occupational autonomy and through which meaningful participation in our society. The same goes for those who require rehabilitation after an accident or illness.

The CJD helps them, for example, in one of our six CJD career education centres, career support centres or other institutions for occupational rehabilitation. In promoting the health of young people, the CJD sees

an important task for the future. The topic 'health' is considered in all its aspects:

- in the prevention of disease through health conscious education in CJD institutions – for example, through promoting exercise, healthy nutrition and responsible use of new media,
- in the rehabilitation (care of chronic syndromes) above all in the area of student, pre-occupational, and occupational support as well as
- in the indication-based therapy (treatment of certain mental and physical illnesses) in the ages of childhood and youth in specialised institutions and clinics. A medical treatment can be combined with individual and age appropriate CJD support at school, during training or in a chosen profession. This way the opportunities of young people improve decisively.





## Participation in the working world

The CJD offers a large range of offers and services to people who are unable to begin a career due to a disability or as a consequence of various other problems.

The main goal of this is always lasting integration into the primary labour market. In integration companies, in employment projects or in workshops for disabled people, there are opportunities to pursue a meaningful occupation and to work, but also to obtain qualifications and further education for people

with disabilities. In work opportunities, contact with the working world can be established or re-established and theoretical modules increase the chances of finding a place in the labour market. The CJD personnel service, our charitable employment agency, provides another tool to help people and work come together.



### Tailored to the individual

The CJD offers young and old people, in very different stages of life, housing and care services that are tailored to their individual needs. In the area of youth housing, the CJD offers apprentice trainees, who have to complete their schooling or practical training away from where they actually live, housing as well as social educational guidance.

Older people, who are dependent on support and/or medical care, can find many support programs from the CJD. These range from indi-

vidual services, day offerings and mobile care through various living arrangements to even a place in a nursing home.

In mobile care assisted living arrangements, the CJD makes it possible for people with disabilities to live their lives with the greatest independence or to find a new home in an appropriate residence. In the area of parental support, parents with disabilities also get support around the house. This can even take place in their own home as well as within a residence. A specialty of the CJD lies in inter-generational

offers, like the multi-generation houses or quarter management which expand the range offers under the concept of inclusion. Adult refugees and refugee families are supported purposefully. The offers here range from making housing available, social support and advice to complex benefits.

# Create opportunities too!



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