

## 02 – Children’s Rights makes a difference?!

### Comment

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Turning Points – *Children’s Rights* makes a difference?!

In the year of 2020 the United Nations documented 26.425 cases of severe violation against children’s rights. And you cannot imagine the number of unreported crimes.

So you can see that unfortunately there are still a lot of problems around the topic of children’s rights.

How can we as a society secure the rights of children?

*Protection from harm*

*Education*

*Freedom of thought*

But before we try to search for solutions, we have to make clear that there are different challenges we will face on our way.

*Access to Information*

*Family*

*Health*

One out of many challenges is that a lot of children do not receive a proper education, that does not even cover the basic skills like primary knowledge.

Also in Germany, where the education is on a much higher level, children do not always learn about their rights. So how are they supposed to recognize a violation of their rights when they do not fully know them? Be honest with yourself, there are 41 children’s rights, how many come to your mind?

*Privacy*

*Government responsibility*

### *Treated fairly*

But even if a child knows about the rights, it can be hard to talk to someone about a violation of these rights because most children do not know how to express their feelings, worries and problems to people in their family or in school. This might be caused by many reasons for example that children who have problems at home do not have the courage to speak with a teacher, so an authority from their point of view. In addition to that do these children often feel as traitors when they address this behavior of their parents to other adults. They are scared of the consequences they might face if their parents find out about this “betrayal”.

*Grow up healthy*

*Play and have fun*

*Have a say about affecting decisions*

All in all there is a lot of work to be done in order to achieve that children and their rights are really valued in all countries in the world. One problem is the lack of education, both on a general level and regarding children’s rights. Moreover it often is challenging for children to really open up about those kind of issues for many different reasons. First, a teacher in school might not always be the person the child fully trusts and talks to about personal topics. Another reason is the fact that some children do not want to accuse their parents in front of others because they feel like traitors and are scared of the consequences they might have to face.

Please help us to make a difference and give children the opportunity to live a life of dignity and self-fulfillment by being aware and communicative the issues.