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## INTRODUCTION TO INTERVENTIONS IN CHILDHOOD

### *Pre-course Preparation*

The purpose of this preparation assignment is to review the circumstances for children in need of special support in your country at a sociopolitical level and at the level of implementation or practice.

Another purpose is for you who is in the master's program Interventions in Childhood to reflect on your probable specialization for the degree of Master of Science with a major in Child Studies. Depending on your professional area and field of interest, you can choose to specialize in Disability Sciences, Health and Care Sciences, Special Education, or Welfare and Social Sciences. Your specialization should be visible in your assignments, when appropriate, and in your thesis.

The pre-course preparation will be used as a basis for the first assignment in the course Introduction to Interventions in Childhood. The purpose is to provide a picture of the situation for children in need of special support in your country within a larger social and political.

Please complete the questionnaire below in relation to services to children in need of special support in your home country. Please be sure to identify what sources you used to answer each question.

Save your assignment as: your surname, 'pre-course', name of country. Submit the document to [madeleine.sjoman@ju.se](mailto:madeleine.sjoman@ju.se) by August 16 at 12 o'clock at the latest. You will later be asked to submit this information to the Ping Pong platform purposing to let the other students know you and your country better.

If you have questions about this preparatory assignment or questions about the program, please contact the course leader Madeleine Sjöman ([madeleine.sjoman@ju.se](mailto:madeleine.sjoman@ju.se)) or the professor Mats Granlund ([Mats.Granlund@ju.se](mailto:Mats.Granlund@ju.se)).



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Student's Name.....

Country.....

Applied () One-year master () Two-year master () Single course

Profession/education.....

Professional area.....

(for example, disability, learning, social, health, or any other area)

Probable specialization in the program.....

(Disability Sciences, Health and Care Sciences, Special Education, or Welfare and Social Sciences)

Field of interest (for example children at risk, with developmental delay, in poor environments, with learning difficulties, chronic health conditions, autism, profound multiple disabilities, other...)

#### Personal presentation

Please, give a brief introduction of yourself, your background and the motives for enrolling the program.



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## Children in need of special support – laws and policies in your country

Identify at least one law or other essential regulation that seems to be related to services for children in need of special support in your country and complete the chart below. A fictional example is provided.

### ***Fictional example:***

<b>Name of Law</b>	The Children's Act
<b>Year</b>	1993
<b>Purpose</b>	Provides children the right to special education and services on the basis of need.
<b>Content</b>	The law contains information on how eligibility for special education services is determined, what kinds of services and resources are required and/or available to these children, and the role of various professionals in assessment and provision of services.

### **Your real example:**

<b>Name of Law</b>	
<b>Year</b>	
<b>Purpose</b>	
<b>Content</b>	



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### **3) Children in need of special support - in your professional area**

Consider children in need of special support in your country related to your professional area (i.e. disability, learning, social, health or any other).

a) Provide

- a definition of children in need of special support
- a description of services for children in need of special support. Please, include information about the professions that are involved and the role of families

b) Any other interesting points or information you would like to share about the situation of children in need of special support in your country? Please describe:



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