



Linköping

Where ideas come to life

The responsibilities for social welfare are divided between

- The state (National)
- The County Council (Region)
- The local authorities (Cities/municipalities)

The state is responsible for e.g.

- Sickness benefit
- Pensions, old age pensions and disability pension
- Housing benefit
- Disability allowance

The region level

- The region level, the 20 county councils, are responsible for medical services and health services
 - primary care services
 - hospitals

The local authorities, municipality level

- The local authorities are responsible for e.g.
 - Individual and family care, including financial aid
 - care and support for the elderly
 - care and support for the disabled
 - care and support for persons with intellectual impairments
 - care and support for persons with mental illness
 - care and support for persons with special needs for example alcohol and drug abusers, refugees, children and teenagers with psychosocial problems.
 - economical support
 - transportation service

Social service and support to families and children

- Activities for children, young people, and adults such as treatment centres, foster-home care, contact persons, contact families, out-patient care (advisory service, treatment initiatives, relief housing, daytime activities).
- Altogether about 4 500 households each year.
- About 2 300 households/month receive financial aid (so-called social assistance).

The organization from the families perspective...

The social office (authority role)

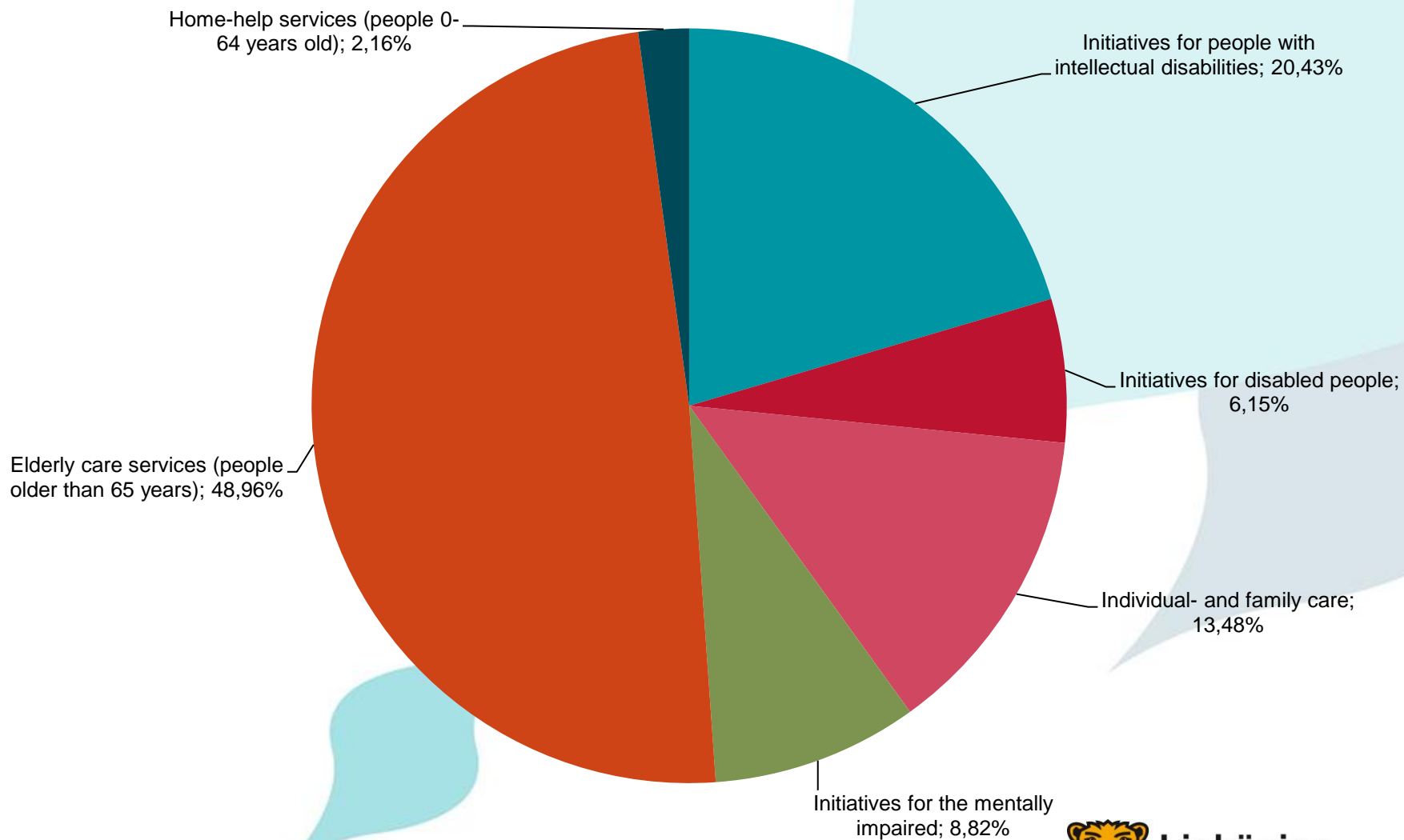
- Apply for support (assessment and individual decision on social support)
- Referrale (investigation, assesment and official decision)

The providers of social support

- Social support based on decision from the social office
- Social support direct to the family without official decision

Budget 2013 for community care services

- percentage distribution of total costs (1 858 million SEK)



Research and Development Centre in care and social work – a part of the City of Linköping



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Research and Development centre

- Cooperation between seven municipalities and the university
- A link between research and praxis
- Support and promote practice based R & D projects
- Fundings from the municipalities about 3.5 million Skr / year plus external project funds
- About 100 R & D projects during 2000 – 2013, 80 R & D and 15 working papers

Current R & D projects – Social work with families and children

- First line support to children with psychological problems (National project)
- Parenting young children – testing an evidence based model for parents with intellectual handicaps (National R & D project)
- Strengthen the Children's perspective within the care of parents with alcohol and drug problems
- Development of evaluation system for young people placed on treatment centers
- Families in social services
- Cooperation processes between school and social support regarding “drop outs” from the elementary school
- Implementing of the BBIC system in the care of disabled children

Objectives

- On basis of current and future development needs create conditions for long-term knowledge building
- Through collaboration between the research field and the practice field strengthening the conditions for development of knowledge and activities in the sectors of care and social work

Main tasks

- To established and support R & D projects
- Creating arenas and new forms for dissemination and exchange of knowledge, experience and ideas
- To promote coordination and collaboration between research and activities
- Coordinate and be a part of national and transnationals project

Areas of interests

- Development of working methods in care and social work
- Learning and change processes
- User´ s role and situation
- Development of competence and skills

Organization

- R & D Board – municipalities, the university and external experts (the chair from City of Linköping)
- Program Council – researchers and practitioners
- R & D group – operative group with researchers and R & D coordinators from the municipalities
- The R & D project managers and project members

Some facts

- Budget, fundings from the municipalities about 3.5 million Skr / year plus external project funds
- About 100 R & D projects during 2000 – 2012, 80 R & D and 15 working papers
- 170 conference and seminars activities in 2000 – 2012
- Co-organizer of several national and Nordic R & D conferences

Example – current projects

- Families in social service
- Development of innovations for work place learning
- Development of methods and models in dementia care
- Evidence based practice in social work, several projects

Areas for exchange and cooperation

- Strengthening the users and citizens influence
- Involving social aspects in city planning
- Describe Linköping's model for research and development of local welfare activities and long time learning among employees
- Promote collaboration between the research field and practice field in order to develop the city in every aspect

Thank you very much!

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