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WHAT DOES "THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD" MEAN?

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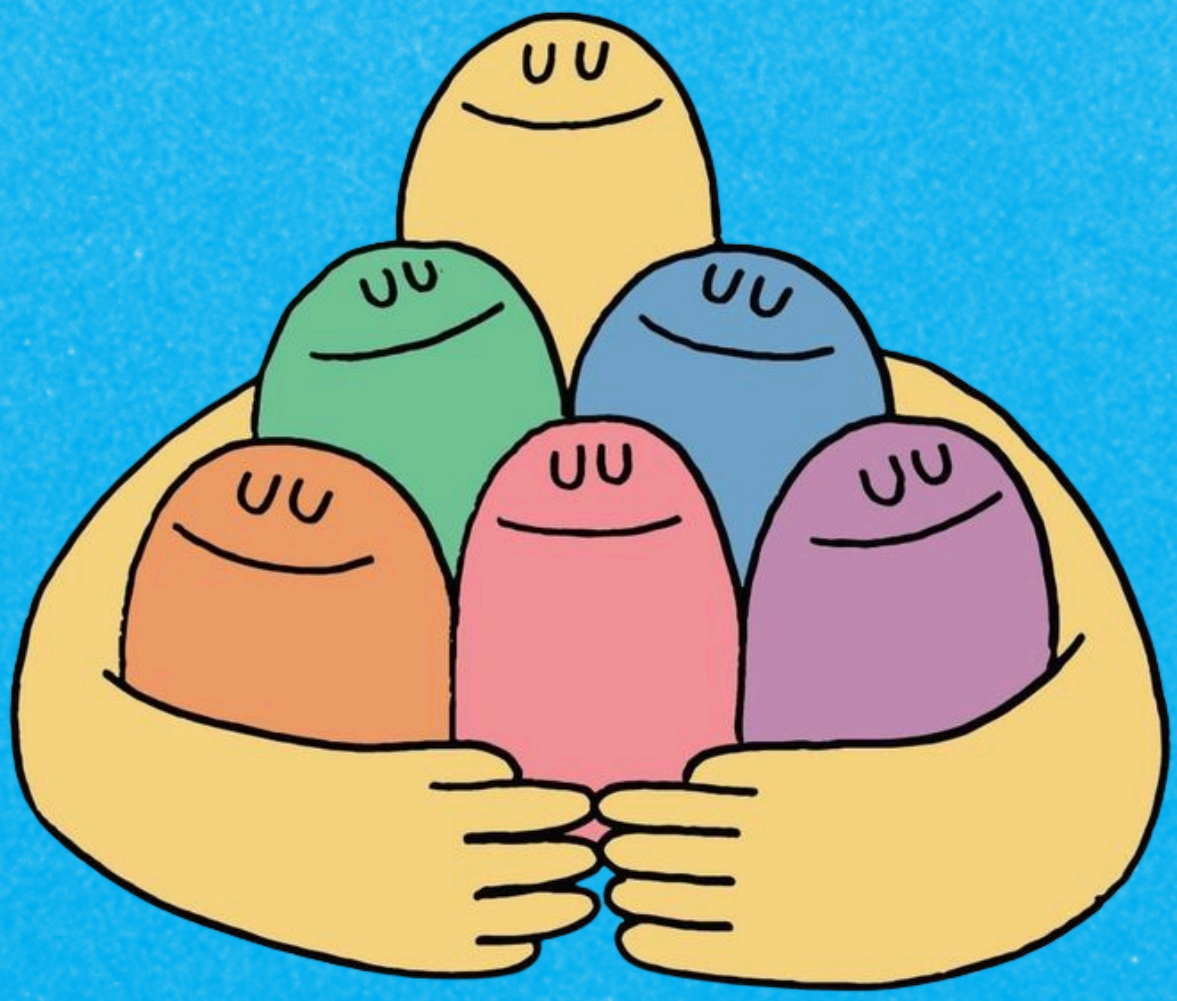
“THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD” is a principle that says something simple: when a decision is made about **someone under 18**, the **decision should be based on what is best for them**. In other words, it should help you **stay well**, grow, and feel safe.



#2

WHO DOES IT APPLY TO?

The principle of the best interests of the child **also applies if you are alone in a country different from your country of origin**. In fact, if you are away from your family, **the adults** who support you **have a duty to make sure you receive stable and appropriate support** based on your situation.



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WHEN DOES IT APPLY?

It applies at every step of your journey: **from decisions about school and work** to decisions about where you live and matters related to your health.

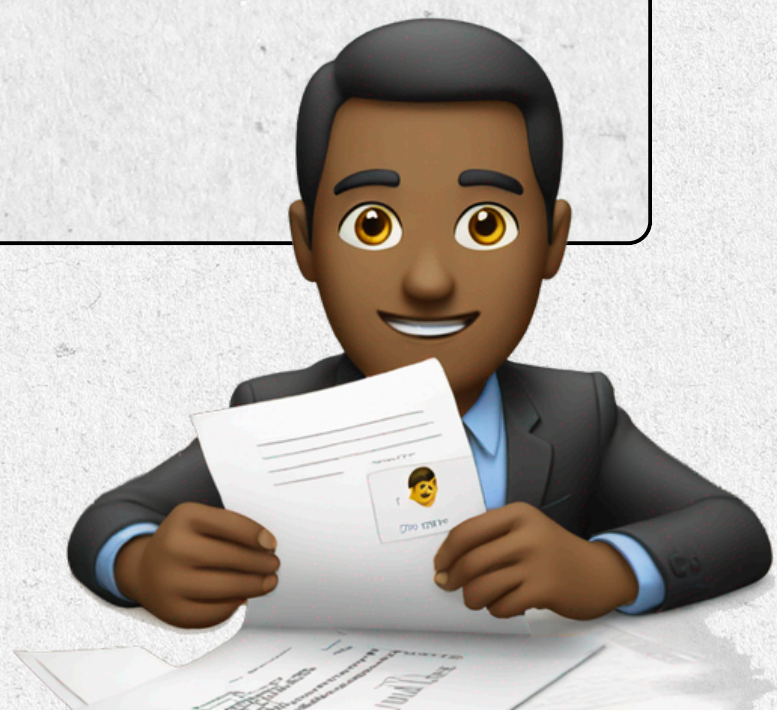
At every stage, **you have the right to understand what is happening:** why a decision is being made, what the alternatives are, and what will happen next. Information must be explained to you **in a simple and accessible way.**

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN IN PRACTICE?

It means that every decision about you:

- Must take your opinions and preferences into account
- Should be made through discussion and cooperation between the adults supporting you (such as your guardian, social worker, and educators), who consider your needs
- must be made in a timely way
- must be written down and explained
- can be changed if your preferences, opinions, or needs change.



#5

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Your opinion must be listened to. You can talk about your concerns, your needs, your plans, and what makes you feel good and safe. Your voice is an important part of every decision about you.



There is no one solution that works for everyone. *Every situation is different and needs to be looked at individually. That's why decisions about you should be based on your own needs and goals, rather than on general rules or standards.*

#6

YOU ARE AT THE CENTRE

The principle of the best interests of the child is like a compass. It helps make sure that **every step of your journey in Italy goes in the right direction**, so that you can feel safe and build the future you want.



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THE HERE4U PROJECT



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