Youth Policy in Armenia
State Youth Policy of the Republic of Armenia is one of the most important spheres of activity of the state and has strategic importance.
Main objectives of Youth State Policy is to create

- social-economic,
- political, legal,
- cultural, spiritual,
- organizational conditions and guarantees for the social formation of youth, full use of its creative potential in the public interest.
The authorized state body which is aimed to develop and implement state youth policy in Armenia is the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of the Republic of Armenia.
One of the most important component is “Council of the Youth Policy” headed by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia. The Council consist of representatives of state agencies and public youth organizations, which aims to ensure the effective participation of youth and youth organizations in the decision making process and implementation.
By decision of the Government of Republic of Armenia N 798 from 14th December 1998 approved the "Concept of the state youth policy". According to the concept, the target of the state youth policy are citizens of the Republic of Armenia aged from 16 to 30 years. One of the basic principles of the concept is "to ensure the participation of young people in the development and implementation of policies and specific programs relating to youth and society in general".
According to the “Strategy of State Youth Policy for 2013-2017 years” there are formulated the following priorities of the Government of the Republic of Armenia in the sphere of state youth policy:

- To promote processes of youth participation in the political, economic and cultural life.
- Youth employment and socio-economic problems of the youth.
- Encouraging healthy lifestyles among young people,

- Development of spiritual and cultural values, and military-patriotic education of youth,

- Duration of education and recognition of non-formal education,
The main aims of the Strategy

- Increasing the coherent implementation of national youth policies and ensuring the legal field in addressing youth through the adoption of laws and regulations governing the activities of this sector.

- Development of cooperation with youth organizations and government support of their activities.

- Ensuring youth participation in cultural life, support educational and research activities.
- Observing social and economic problems and the implementation of measures aimed to their solution, development and implementation of government programs.

- Implementation of the programs aimed to increase civic consciousness and patriotic education, social and political participation of young people.

- Development of state youth policy in the regions (regional support of the youth centers and by state financial support - the creation of youth centers in the communities, the implementation of measures aimed to the development of rural youth).
Creating conditions for full self-manifestation of youth, government support gifted and talented youth.

Provide youth with the necessary information.

Development of international and pan-Armenian cooperation.
The main program of the Ministry in the field of youth policy

- “The Online system of providing with the grants to Youth NGOs”
Within the frameworks of Youth State Policy in RA, Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs started the Online system of providing with the grants to Youth NGOs

Firstly, the NGOs register in the system, later according to grant requirements and deadlines NGOs apply for a grant. The projects are evaluated by relevant experts. The experts are registered in online system, too. The NGOs have to write in their online account the description of the project and the report after the implementation in online system, too.
“Available housing for young families”
Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of the RA designed the project “Available Housing for young people” which was submitted in 2011 by the Government of the RA. The project is aimed to support young families by improving their housing conditions.

The Government takes over from 2-4 annual interest rate mortgages.
«TV programs for youth»
Mainly these programs are youth talk show, interviews and etc.
Organizing social surveys among youth. According to these surveys, later it's formulated "The National Report of Youth in RA". The last report was published in 2012.
Youth Capital of the year
Since 2013 every year it’s selected a youth capital where later will be concentrated many youth projects. The selection process is based on voting during the competitions.

For 2014 the youth capital of the year is city Sisian.
The project “Trainings of the Trainers” which aimed to support non-formal education.
Ministry conducts an annual program to prevent bad habits for the prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases through, to promote a healthy lifestyle, etc.
Providing travel grants to young people who take part in events held abroad
Thank you !!!