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### **Presentation 1**

**Title: EVALUATION OF THE LATVIAN GOVERNMENT'S TARGETED PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH EDUCATION AND CAREER SUPPORT.**

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**Annotation: The concept Analysis of Implementation guidance for equal rights for people from regions to achieve cultural experience in two Latvian government programs the "Latvian School Bag" program and the new program of STEM and Civic Participation Activities which is managed by the State Education Development Agency. Both programs offer equal funding for student learning regardless of residence and school location.**

**This problem closely interacts with other barriers, such as the distance of schools from cultural centers and the insufficient amount of funding. The research question is: do both programs help reduce regional inequality?**

**Keywords: youth education, career support, regional inequality, government programs, Latvia.**

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