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Child day care

Information for parents about crèche, nursery school, after-school care and day care for children

From when is my child entitled to day care?

Children have a legal right to day care from the age of one. Dresden provides a high-quality range of child day care facilities and day care centres to ensure that this legal entitlement is implemented in line with demand and that you can choose from a variety of care forms, providers and pedagogical concepts.

What does the city of Dresden do for me and my child?

The City of Dresden aims to provide suitable childcare services that meet the developmental needs of your child. The focus is on the compatibility of family and career or education as well as the proximity to the home or workplace. Dresden offers many options for day care through an extensive network of crèches, day care centres and kindergartens.

The choice of one of these childcare options and the decision as to when your child should start using a place in a day care centre or day nursery should be made according to your family's preferences. It is helpful to consider the desired district, the opening hours, the size of the group, the concept, the equipment of the facility, but also the siblings already being cared for or the integration needs of your child. Day care is offered for children at primary and special schools. This care is available before and after school and during the holidays.

Where can I find out about news?

The "Dresdner Amtsblatt" (Dresden Official Gazette), which is published weekly on Thursdays, provides information about current events - such as open days, parent surveys, building projects, changes in sponsors, etc.: www.dresden.de/amtsblatt. You can also use the daily information of the state capital Dresden at www.dresden.de/pressemitteilungen. Some day care centres have their own websites with information about open days, guided tours or office hours.

How can I register my child for a day care place?

The state capital Dresden has a central, browser-based place allocation system available for registration. You can register for a place at the earliest when your child is born. The application should be submitted at least eight months before the desired start of childcare. The placement and reservation of a childcare place is usually done six months before the desired start date by the daycare centre, the daycare providers or the Central Advisory and Placement Office. To register for childcare places online, use the Kitaportal Dresden at <https://kitaportal.dresden.de>. You have access to the Kitaportal around the clock. Here you can apply for a childcare place for almost all daycare providers and childminders in the city or apply for a change of provider. You can specify up to five preferred facilities or child day care centres and determine the order of placement yourself.

What does a place in day care cost me?

Child day care is regulated uniformly throughout the city by the parental contribution statutes. The amount of the parental contribution depends on the type of care and the time of care specified in the care contract. The costs of care in the crèche and in day care are the same. The parental contribution is reduced for siblings who are being cared for at the same time and for single parents. Parents can apply for the parental contribution to be paid or waived if they receive social benefits such as unemployment benefit II, housing benefit, child supplement, asylum seeker benefits or social assistance. If none of the above-mentioned social benefits are received, the parental contribution can also be paid or waived if the parents cannot be expected to pay it due to their low income. More detailed information can be found on the internet at www.dresden.de/elternbeitraege. In addition to the parental contribution, parents must pay a meal allowance for meals in the day care centre and for day care for children. More detailed information on the assumption of the costs for lunchtime meals is published on the website www.dresden.de/bildungspaket.

How do I find a day care place?

In the Dresden Kita portal at <https://kitaportal.dresden.de> you will find detailed information on all day care centres and child minders. The Kita portal allows you to search for a suitable day care centre or childminder using various criteria such as location, opening hours, admission age and sponsorship. In addition, the Central Advisory and Placement Office in the Office for Child Day Care and the Advisory and Placement Offices for Child Day Care provide advice on child care services. Child day care facilities and child day care centres also invite you to open days, open house tours or information evenings for parents.

Where can I get advice on day care for children?

Both the Central Advisory and Placement Office of the Office for Child Day Care and the three advisory and placement offices for child day care - Kinderland Sachsen e. V., Malwina e. V. and Outlaw gGmbH - offer advice and placement services.

Contact by Questions...

■ ... for the placement of childcare places

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■ ... to day care for children

Counselling and placement centres for day care for children

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- Malwina e. V. for Altstadt, Neustadt, Pieschen, Cotta
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- Outlaw gGmbH for Leuben, Plauen, Prohlis
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