

## Apply for care in a day care center

If you can't make sure your child is doing well in your home, then your child may live in an assisted living facility temporarily or for a longer period of time.

### Competent Department

- [Amt für Soziale Dienste Sozialzentrum 1 - Nord](#)
- [Amt für Soziale Dienste Sozialzentrum 2 - Gröpelingen / Walle](#)
- [Amt für Soziale Dienste Sozialzentrum 3 - Mitte/östliche Vorstadt/Findorff](#)
- [Amt für Soziale Dienste Sozialzentrum 4 - Süd](#)
- [Amt für Soziale Dienste Sozialzentrum 5 - Vahr/ Schwachhausen/ Horn-Lehe](#)
- [Amt für Soziale Dienste Sozialzentrum 6 - Hemelingen/ Osterholz](#)

### Basic information

Education in an institution over day and night or in another assisted living form is intended to promote children and adolescents in their development.

This is a benefit type of the assistance for upbringing. It may also be a suitable service for young people in accordance with §41 SGB VIII.

The type of care depends on the age and stage of development of the child or adolescent. In the many different forms of residential care, specialists will look after your child with pedagogical and therapeutic offers.

Home education or other forms of assisted living are forms of help for upbringing. Depending on the situation, the help is intended to:

- achieve a return to the family,
- prepare for upbringing in another family
- provide a form of living for a longer period of time.

### Requirements

- You are a parent or guardian for a child (the custodial person).
- You are unable to care for and raise the child in a way that is good for the child.
- Help in the form of placing your child in a home or other assisted living arrangement is appropriate and necessary.

### What documents do I need?

- identity card/passport

If a German identity card/passport is to be authenticated, a written proof of what this authentication is required for must be brought along.

- Proof of custody

For example: birth certificate, information from the custody register or decision of the family court on custody.

## Procedure

- Contact the responsible youth welfare office.
- In a personal conversation, possible help will be shown to you. The Youth Welfare Office will try to support you so that your child can continue to stay with you.
- If the Youth Welfare Office deems it necessary to place your child in a home or other form of assisted living, you can apply for help in raising your child.
- All parties involved (you, your child, the caregivers from the assisted living facility and the Youth Welfare Office) will meet for a help plan discussion. In the help plan, it is determined how the help is to be structured and which goals are to be achieved.
- The youth welfare office looks for a suitable facility. You can express your wishes. If there are several options, you can choose the facility.
- There will be regular checks to see whether the help is still suitable and whether your child can return to the family.

## Legal bases

- [§ 34 Sozialgesetzbuch Achtes Buch \(SGB VIII\)](#)

## How long does it take to process

The processing time varies, depending on individual circumstances and the responsible office.

## What are the costs?

The costs for home education or another form of assisted living are largely borne by the youth welfare office. However, you must contribute to the costs to a reasonable extent. Please ask the responsible youth welfare office about this.