



Kita-Einstieg: Brücken bauen in frühe Bildung*

Information about child care in Gießen



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HELLO, DEAR PARENTS!

A Kita (day care facility for children) and Kindertagespflege ('day care mother' = child care by nannies) are good and safe places where your kids are looked after while playing and learning. All children who are living in Germany have the right to attend a Kita, or to have a day nanny, beginning from their first birthday to their first day at school.

WHAT IS A KITA?

A Kita is a place for children who are not yet attending a school.



There, children play indoors and outdoors, can be active, do art and handcrafts, eat, and sleep. Sometimes fests are held.

Kitas employ educators: many women and some men who in their vocational training have learned a lot about children's needs in their development. They support, help, and look after the children. Most Kitas have several groups. Each group consists about 20 to 25 children.

For children under the age of 3, there is a special group with a lower number of children: a toddler group ("Krippe").

Sometimes a Kita is called 'family centre' ("Familienzentrum"). Families of the neighborhood are coming together: playing, singing or eating. Everybody can participate!

WHAT IS KINDERTAGESPFLEGE (CHILDREN'S DAY CARE)?

Child care by nannies (mostly mothers and sometimes fathers) is called "Kindertagespflege".

These nannies are certified and officially recognized child carers who have attended many courses on child care. The Difference to a Kita are the size of the group and the place. A nanny looks after up to 5 children who are usually less than 3 years old. Children older than 3 years usually attend a Kita.



Children are looked after at the nanny's home. Just like a Kita, it is a place where children play, can be active, eat, and sleep.

AT A KITA OR A NANNY'S HOME, YOU WILL MEET MORE PARENTS AND CHILDREN. EVERY FAMILY IS WELCOME!



WHY IS CHILD CARE IMPORTANT FOR CHILDREN? At a Kita or a children's day care, children meet other children and find friends. Additionally, they learn German. Children also get to experience important processes and new tasks. These are valuable and helpful preparations for school. While your child is being looked after, you – the parents – have time to go to work, study or do housework.

THE FIRST STEPS:

REGISTRATION

It is important to register for a child care service as early as possible. As soon as you know when you need child care, you should make a request for a place in a child care facility. It can be issued up to 3 years in advance, even during pregnancy. In Gießen, a place can be requested via the online portal LITTLE BIRD or directly at a Kita. LITTLE BIRD shows where the Kitas are at. You do not will get a place automatically.

You will receive feedback, if free Kita places are available. Send in your request as early as possible and make several inquiries!

➤ <https://portal.little-bird.de/Giessen>

On LITTLE BIRD, 5 simultaneous requests are possible. You should also send requests to Kitas that are not directly in your neighbourhood. When you get a feedback message via LITTLE BIRD, you will be invited to a personal interview at the Kita.



THE ADMITTANCE INTERVIEW

Once you have received a positive feedback on LITTLE BIRD, the parents will have an interview with the Kita management. This is called the Admittance Interview ("Aufnahmegespräch"). In order for the educators to get to know your child's likes and dislikes, they will ask you a few questions concerning your child. You will also have to submit your child's identity document and vaccination card. Additionally, you will need a paediatrist's note that your child is healthy. Therefore, you should see your paediatrist before the interview.

HELP WITH LITTLE BIRD:

The Kita-Einstieg team can help you with registering online for a place in a day care facility.

Our office hours: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday in a month, from 2 to 4 pm at **Ostanlage 21**, 35390 Gießen, between Landgericht and Standesamt. Ring the doorbell at 'Kita-Einstieg'.

PREPARATION FOR SCHOOL AND TRANSITION TO SCHOOL: Children want to play, learn and grow. Educators and nannies will accompany the children during their development and provide a good preparation for school. Usually a Kita offers extra activities for older children. Nevertheless, children do not need to be able to write, read or calculate. They will learn all this at school.

WHAT'S NEXT?

THE FIRST TIME AT A KITA

Starting day care at a Kita is in the beginning a sensitive time where children get used to the new and daily routine. This is an exciting experience for both - children and parents. The first step for the child is getting to know the Kita and the environment. At the very beginning (about 4 to 6 weeks), you will come to the Kita with your child and stay for a while, until they get used to it and will not be afraid any more. Discuss this topic with the Kita educators.

WHAT DOES CHILD CARE COST?

Day care costs may vary. In Gießen, day care costs for children depend on the parent's income. Parents who do not earn a lot of money need to pay little or nothing. Parents with a higher income have to pay more. In most cases however, there is a fee for lunch.

CHILD CARE TIMES:

Some Kitas offer full-time places, other Kitas offer only part-time places. In Gießen, most Kitas are open from Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 4.30pm. The time to drop off your child in the morning and to bring them home in the afternoon can be agreed on with the educators.

NEED MORE INFORMATION:

- **Links from government program:**
<https://www.fruehe-chancen.de/themen/integration/auf-einen-blick/links-und-downloads/>
- **Movie on childcare** in Germany:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC10FroO4AoHTp8JLM9EUw0g>
- **Little Bird Instructions** in various languages. Languages:
<https://www.little-bird.de/service/anleitung/>
- **Educational tips** in various languages:
<https://www.stark-durch-erziehung.de/downloads/index.php>
- **Eltern helfen Eltern e.V.** provides educational and child care support to mothers and fathers and helps finding a day nanny, a babysitter or a career:
<https://www.ehe-giessen.de/>
- **Additional information relating to day care for children:**
<https://www.bvktg.de/themen/kinder-mitfluchthintergrund/>



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