

Early childhood education

Dear parents and legal guardians,

your child has been diagnosed with hearing impairment. You might have lots of questions, what you and your family have to expect:

- What can you do now?
- What will happen next?
- How can you support your child?
- Which hearing aid suits your child?
- Which options do sign languages offer?
- What help can you get?
- Which therapies are useful and good for your child?
- Which school can your child attend in the future?

With our pedagogical early childhood education we want to help you to find answer to your questions. A teacher of our early childhood education-team will run the lessons with you at your home. Once your child attends kindergarten, the early childhood education will take place there. But the contact between you as parents and the teacher is still very important!

Who gets early childhood education?

Every baby, infants or kindergartners with hearing impairment may receive early childhood education, when being at least 3 months old and are not in school yet. It's never too early nor too late to start early childhood education! Also children with multiple disabilities can receive early childhood education services.

How often does early childhood education take place?

Most children receive early childhood education once a week for one hour. Sometimes it's only every other week. This might be useful for children who already have a lot of other appointments during the week. During school vacations and on movable holidays early childhood education won't take place.

How can I get early childhood education for my child?

All early childhood education services are free of charge for you. You don't need any prescription of your doctor or hospital. Only you as parents or legal guardians can request early childhood education. You need to do the following three steps:

Step 1:

Contact the consulting center:

Mrs Antje Suppelt

phone: 02151 - 65 60 8-124

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Step 2:

We will make an appointment with you for a consultation at our consulting center. The conversation will take about an hour.

Please bring:

- your child
- the yellow booklet for U-studies of your doctor
- letters from your ENT physician or pediatric audiologist

Step 3:

During our conversation you will sign the application paper for early childhood education.

If you're living in Rhein-Kreis Neuss, you'll have to introduce your child again to your health department. This does not apply to any other places of residence.

Your application for early childhood education will be forwarded by our consulting center. After about three weeks your personal early childhood teacher will contact you to make an appointment with you that suits both of you.

Do you have any further question?

Please feel free to contact us. We're looking forward to seeing you!