Day-Care in Hamburg

Moving to a new city with young children can be exciting and challenging at the same time. In order to make the transition for you as smooth as possible, we compiled some information and tips on finding a day-care spot that may help you along the way.

Once you have moved to Hamburg with your family and registered with your local district office ("Bezirksamt"), we advise you to start looking for a day-care facility ("KiTa") early on if you have young children. Even though families living in Hamburg have extensive legal rights to day-care, it may still take a considerable amount of time to find a spot that suits your and your children's needs.

The city of Hamburg provides an interactive map on its homepage that enables you to search for daycare facilities in your area:

https://gateway.hamburg.de/hamburggateway/fvp/fv/BSF/KitaInfo/wfKitaKarte.aspx?Sid=95

Alternatively, you can access their day-care database and search for facilities systematically according to the criteria or keywords you enter:

https://gateway.hamburg.de/hamburggateway/fvp/fv/BSF/KitaInfo/wfKitaSuche.aspx?sid=95

Once you have located day-care facilities that match your personal needs and preferences, you may contact them directly. Most day-care centers offer information events regularly that you can attend but you may also set up a one-on-one meeting to look at the facility in person.

In order to use the services of a day-care facility for your child, you require a Kita-Gutschein (day-care center voucher) provided by the City of Hamburg which states how many hours of day-care your child will receive, the costs assumed by the City of Hamburg and the amount of parental contribution you have to pay. The parental contribution depends on size of the family, income, hours of day-care, etc. Therefore, it is advisable to first apply for a Kita-Gutschein (day-care center voucher) at the childcare department of your district before you register your child at a particular day-care facility.

Regardless of your professional activity, you have the legal right to a 5-hour care, including lunch for all children aged 1 year and older. Up until now, children receive 5 hours of free care per day one year prior to school enrollment. Starting 1 August 2014 Kitas in Hamburg will offer 5 hours of care per day free-of-charge to all children (0-6 years) until they enter school. Parents that are both working, pursuing or continuing secondary education, attending a German language class / integration course, or participate in measures that assist the (re-)integration into the labor market, can apply for additional hours of care. Depending on the parents' requirements the children receive 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 or 12 hours of care.

In order to receive a Kita-Gutschein you will be required to submit several documents to your local childcare department that establish your eligibility and the parental contribution you have to pay. Specifically, they ask for copies of your registration certificate ("Meldebescheinigung") and income statements. You may also provide a copy of your employment contract in case you do not have any income statements yet.

The list below contains the contact details of the relevant childcare departments in Hamburg that provide a Kita-Gutschein. Please contact the one that is responsible for handling matters in the area where you live.

Bezirksamt Hamburg-Mitte

Fachamt Jugend- und Familienhilfe Abt. Kindertagesbetreuung Klosterwall 4, Block B, 20095

Hamburg

Telefon: 040 / 428 54 -5175 Fax: 040 / 4279-08405

E-Mail: kindertagesbetreuung@hamburg-mitte.hamburg.de

Bezirksamt Altona

Abt. Kindertagesbetreuung

Platz der Republik 1, 22765 Hamburg Telefon: 040 / 428 11 -2127 / -1715

Fax: 040 / 428 11 -1729

E-Mail: Kindertagesbetreuung@altona.hamburg.de

Soziales Dienstleistungszentrum Eimsbüttel

Abt. Kindertagesbetreuung Grindelberg 66, 20144 Hamburg Telefon: 040 / 428 01 -3344 Fax: 040 / 428 01 - 2869

E-Mail: Kindertagesbetreuung@eimsbuettel.hamburg.de

Soziales Dienstleistungszentrum Hamburg-Nord

Abt. Kindertagesbetreuung Kümmellstr. 7, 20249 Hamburg Telefon: 040 / 428 04 -2536 Fax: 040 / 428 04 -2816

E-Mail: Kindertagesbetreuung@hamburg-nord.hamburg.de

Soziales Dienstleistungszentrum Wandsbek

Fachbereich Kindertagesbetreuung (KTB) und Kindertagespflege

Wandsbeker Allee 62, 22041 Hamburg

Telefon: 040 / 428 81 -2435 Fax: 040 / 428 81 -3486

E-Mail: Kindertagesbetreuung@wandsbek.hamburg.de

Bezirksamt Bergedorf

Abt. Kindertagesbetreuung

Weidenbaumsweg 21, 21029 Hamburg

Telefon: 040 / 428 91 -2603 Fax: 040 / 428 91 -3059

Bezirksamt Harburg

Abt. Kindertagesbetreuung Harburger Rathausforum 1, 21073 Hamburg Telefon: 040 / 428 71 -3867/

-2821

Fax: 040 / 428 71 -3728

E-Mail: Kindertagesbetreuung@harburg.hamburg.de

Day-Care in Schenefeld

If you are living in Schenefeld and looking for a day-care spot, the easiest and most convenient option will be for your children to attend one the city's day-care centers prior to school enrolment. Since August 2013 every child in Schleswig-Holstein aged 1 year or older is entitled to a day-care spot. The parental contribution is determined by the district of Pinneberg and not income-dependent. All parents are expected to pay the full amount; however, if you have multiple children attending daycare, for example, you can apply for a discount/subsidy ("Beitragsermäßigung").

If you are interested in finding a day-care spot for your child, please contact the various facilities directly. The list below contains all day-care-centers currently existing in Schenefeld.

AWO-Kindertagesstätte Lindenallee 25 22869 Schenefeld

Tel.: 040 / 8307272

Integrativer Montessori-Kindergarten der Lebenshilfe e.V. Kreuzweg 9

22869 Schenefeld Tel.: 040 / 8406112

Kindergarten "Rasselbande" Achtern Diek 6 22869 Schenefeld

Tel.: 040 / 83932620

Kindertagesstätte der Paulskirche Bogenstr. 93-99 22869 Schenefeld

Tel.: 040 / 8304288

Montessori-Kinderhaus - Lebensh. f. Menschen mit Behinderung e.V.

Kehrwieder 7 22869 Schenefeld Tel.: 040 / 8302480

Montessori-Kinderhaus der Lebenshilfe e.V.

Schulstr. 14b 22869 Schenefeld Tel.: 040 / 83932620

Tagesstätte der Stephanskirche Wurmkamp 10 22869 Schenefeld

Tel.: 040 / 8305301

Josua Gemeinde "Fruchtkorb" Hauptstr. 59 22869 Schenefeld

Note: Despite efforts to expand the number of day-care spots for young children, it remains particularly

challenging to accommodate for the vast amount of infants and toddlers, resulting in long waiting lists. This problem will gradually dissolve as new day-care centers are opened and existing ones expand their capacity. However, if you are looking for an available spot immediately, you may consider some alternatives until your child can be accepted by a Kita near you. In the meantime you have the option to use the services of a day nanny ("Tagesmutter") or you may attempt to have the City of Schenefeld sign a declaration saying that the costs of attending daycare in Hamburg will partly be assumed ("Kostenübernahmeerklärung") by the City of Schenefeld. In that case you will need to proof that your legal entitlements to day-care for your child could not be fulfilled locally. There is a third alternative to day-care if you only require care for you child from time to time: The Aktion Kinderparadies offers a supervised playground where children aged 2 and older can remain and play for a few hours without prior registration. The address is listed below:

Aktion Kinderparadies – Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kinderspielplaetze Schenefeld e.V. Timmermannsweg 12 22869 Schenefeld

If you have any other questions regarding daycare, please contact Ms. Corinna Siebert working for the City of Schenefeld:

Ms. Corinna Siebert (room 103)
Fachdienst Oeffentlich Sicherheit and Soziales
Holstenplatz 3-5
22869 Schenefeld
Holstenplatz 3 - 5 22869 Schenefeld

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