



Suggestions for parents who speak a second language with their child

You speak another language than German with your child and your child is being raised bilingually: this is not an issue for most children. Actually, being bilingual will be a great advantage.

Through your language, your child can also learn about your culture and roots. It is important that your child also learns German as early as possible.

How to help your child

- Speak the language that you speak best with your child.
- Speak to your child about everything you do. Listen to your child, tell him or her stories and praise your child whenever he or she tries to express him or herself. You should aim to bring joy to your child through speaking.
- It is helpful if your child has contact with German at the earliest possible age. The more he or she is with children and adults who speak German, the faster your child will learn German.
- Your child should be allowed to make mistakes and even mix up the languages. This is normal and will disappear with time.
- The more your child can speak his or her first language, the more your child can learn German. Your child will build upon the first language and compare the languages.

For questions concerning your child's language development

If you are unsure that your child's language is well developed, if, for example, he or she speaks very little, very unclearly or if you cannot understand him or her, you can contact the people from whom you received this information for help. You can also speak to your child's pediatrician or the following agency directly:

Zentrum für Frühförderung (ZFF)

(Remedial Teaching Services Agency)
Elisabethenstrasse 51, Postfach, 4010 Basel
Tel. 061 267 85 01 • Fax 061 267 84 96
zff@bs.ch • www.zff.bs.ch





For further important information

Consultancy for mothers and fathers

- **Mütter- und Väterberatung Basel-Stadt**
Tel. 061 690 26 90
info@muetterberatung-basel.ch • www.vereinfuerkinderbetreuung.ch

Are you looking for a play group in your area? Contact

- **Fach- und Kontaktstelle für Spielgruppen Basel und Region**
Tel. 061 690 26 96
fks.baselplusregion@postmail.ch

Are you looking for day care in the City of Basel? Contact

- **Vermittlungsstelle Tagesheime**
Tel. 061 267 46 14
vermittlung.tagesbetreuung@bs.ch • www.tagesbetreuung.bs.ch

Are you looking for a day mother in the City of Basel? Contact

- **Geschäftsstelle Tagesfamilien Basel-Stadt**
Tel. 061 260 20 60 • Fax 061 260 20 61
info@tagesfamilien.org • www.tagesfamilien.org

Are you looking for more contact with other families in your area?

You can find a family center or community center in your area at

- **Quartiertreffpunkte Basel**
Tel. 061 267 43 40
quartierarbeit@bs.ch • www.quartiertreffpunktebasel.ch

Classes in Native Languages and Cultures

For children are on offer for many languages:

«Kurse in heimatlicher Sprache und Kultur»

You can find a course in your language at

- <http://www.ed-bs.ch/bildung/pzbs/unterricht/herkunftssprachen-heimatliche-sprache-und-kultur>

