

## Childminders

People providing supplementary childcare are checked for their suitability for this kind of work by the Jugendamt. They must undertake a training course, which includes a First Aid course, amongst other things.

Your childminder has many important tasks to fulfil as part of their close, individual relationship with the family. They will ensure your child can follow their usual family routine. For example, they will give your child supper or they can put your child to bed.

It is important for the well-being of your child that they are always looked after by the same person. This allows a relationship built on trust to be developed between your family and the childminder.

## MoKiS supports you

The mobile childcare service (MoKiS) will help you to find a childminder who is best suited to your situation and your childcare requirements. You may already know someone you can trust and who you would like to provide supplementary childcare for your child. MoKiS will support you as you find a suitable supplementary childcare solution.



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## MoKiS

Mobile childcare service  
Information for parents



## Dear Parents,

Berlin has a well-developed and high-standard range of childcare options, fulfilling all the demands of combining family life with professional interests. In order to expand the existing services still further, we shall in future provide

support for parents, who, because of their special work or training hours, depend on childcare for their children outside the standard opening hours of nurseries or other childcare services. With our mobile childcare service, MoKiS, we are able to offer supplementary childcare by childminders in the parental home. If you need childcare for your children at unusual times, for example in the evening or at weekends, this flyer will provide you with answers to all the important questions about our new service.

With best wishes,

Sandra Scheeres  
Senator for Education, Youth and Family

## Supplementary childcare

If you have to work at times when your daycare establishment is closed, there is the possibility of having your child looked after by a suitable person, for example in the evenings or at weekends. You can apply to your Jugendamt (youth welfare office) for a voucher for supplementary childcare.

## Applying for supplementary childcare

You will need supplementary childcare if you fulfil the following requirements:

- Your child is looked after at a nursery or daycare establishment or attends after-school childcare (Hort) at school
- Your working hours regularly exceed the opening times of your daycare establishment by at least one hour
- You are employed, self-employed or in higher education or further training

You can apply for the voucher from your local Jugendamt.

Every six months, you must prove to the Jugendamt that you still have a requirement for supplementary childcare.

## Time and location of the supplementary childcare

The childcare times depend on your work or training hours and on the opening times of the daycare establishment. The supplementary childcare service comes into play at the times when the daycare establishment is closed and you cannot look after your child yourself, for example

- Early in the morning,
- In the afternoons or evenings,
- At night,
- At the weekend,
- On public holidays.

Your child can be looked after in your own home or at the childminder's home.

## The costs of supplementary childcare

From 1 August 2017, childcare is free for everyone for the last four years before the child starts school and, from 1 August 2018, for the last five years before the child starts school. This also applies to supplementary childcare.

During the transition period until 2018, your cost contributions will be calculated based on your income and the required childcare. You also have to contribute to the costs of childcare supplementing before and after-school care.