

## Federal programme “Language day care centres – because language is the key to the world”

All children want to discover the world and learn from the start. For that they need **equal opportunities**. The Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Young Persons is making a total of 400 million euros available for the “Language day care centres” programme from 2016 to 2019. As a result, up to 4,000 additional half-time specialist job vacancies in day care centres and specialist counselling are being created.



### Why not become involved?

As parents you are part of the “Language day care centre”. Do you like reading from children’s books or are you interested in talking to other parents, for example in the parents’ café? Talk to the day care team and share your ideas!

Further information on the federal programme “Language day care centres” can be found on the website [www.fruehe-chancen.de/sprach-kitas](http://www.fruehe-chancen.de/sprach-kitas).

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Our day care centre is a  
“Language day care centre”!

Information for parents

## Why is language education so important in day care?

Language is the key to the world: we need it in order to communicate, play and learn. Scientific studies show that children benefit from language education, especially when they start at a young age. The day care centre is the perfect place to stimulate the language development of your children.

**Language education that forms an integral part of day-to-day life** means that your children spontaneously learn German as well and expand their vocabulary. This does not mean that your children practice in small groups or at certain times. The early childhood teacher deliberately use various occasions such as lunch time to talk to the children. Language education that forms an integral part of day-to-day life supports the **natural language development** of all children.

## What is a “Language day care centre”?

The “Language day care centres attach” a great deal of importance to language education in the day-to-day life of the day care group. **All children in day care benefit from** this and continue to develop their language skills. In your day care centre there is an additional specialist for language education working there.



## What does the specialist for language education do?

The specialist advises, assists and supports the day care team in the following areas:

- Language education work that is an integral part of the day
- Inclusive education
- Working with families

The specialist shows the teachers, for example, how they can observe and record the language development of their child. At parent-teacher meetings the early childhood teacher inform you about the progress your child has made.

Furthermore, the additional specialist is your contact person for questions concerning the topic of language education.

## Tips for language education at home

You can support the language development of your child at home. The family is the first place to learn things.

### Talk about mutual experiences

Create many opportunities to discover the world with your child and interact with him or her. Take photos of mutual experiences such as excursions, baking together, marvelling at the first snowfall or testing the first puddle. You can look at the photos together time and time again. A photo album or a pin board at the child’s eye level would be suitable for this. These help memories to surface and generate the desire to talk about mutual experiences.

### Watch and appreciate

Record the first words of your child and the creative, unique language creations. Create a poster or small booklet that you could give to your child on a suitable occasion.



### Discover picture books together

When you look at a picture book together, let your child take the lead: the child can turn the pages as he or she likes, at random or from back to front – and can stay on pages of interest. If your child continues the story and shows enthusiasm for a particular part, he or she will make connections with personal experience. You will be surprised. Imaginative ideas and interesting questions and discussions will be the result!