

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Integration of children with special needs in childcare facilities of Upper Austria (crèche, nursery school, after school care center)

What is *integration*?

Integration means the organization and introduction of supportive measures so that your child with special needs is able to attend a childcare facility.

What parents/legal guardians are supposed to do so that their child receives de necessary support:

- Registration in one of the childcare facilities in Upper Austria – there you will get all information about the required documents for the registration. Ideally, the registration of your child should be done at the latest in spring before the first planned visit of the childcare facility in autumn.
- Precondition for the support of your child is an appropriate medical diagnosis of a specialist and a medical/psychological statement (F1). Please discuss the details with the management of the childcare facility.
- Parents/legal guardians have to sign a declaration of consent about the inclusion of the expert advice of integration (F2a).

Further steps:

- If the required documents (diagnosis, F1, F2a) have already received the childcare facility, the management of the childcare facility will contact the **expert advice of integration**.

What is the *expert advice of integration*?

The expert advice of integration works on behalf of the Province of Upper Austria. Aim and purpose is the promotion of social integration and ensuring measures of development and education.

If further questions about the integration in childcare facilities in Upper Austria occur, please do not hesitate to contact the expert advice of integration.

You find the contact of the responsible expert advisor in your district on the internet www.integrationsberatung.at or under the telephone number 0732/76102271!

These are the tasks of the expert advice of integration:

- The expert advice of integration undertakes surveys about the support requirements in the form of child observation, conversation with the parents/legal guardians, the legal entity, the management of the facility and the pedagogical staff.
- Once, the necessary measures have been determined, the assignment of the required hours of assistance (in the past called *hours of school support*) will be effected to guarantee the necessary supporting for your child.
- The expert advice tries hard to create appropriate basic conditions in consultation with the entity (size of the group, composition of staff, required aids, ...)
- The expert advice also offers remedial education and takes care of the realization of individual supportive measures in cooperation with the pedagogic staff.
- Further tasks of the expert advice are the consultation of parents/legal guardians, the coordination of conversations with others like the doctors, therapists, schools – provided that the parents agree!