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YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S  
EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT?

**The information center for parents, children and adolescents  
might be able to help you:**

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# BILINGUALISM IN CHILDHOOD

How to support your child in  
language learning



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## DEAR PARENTS,

You are enabling your child to grow up learning and speaking more than one language. This is a great opportunity for them and a gift! If your child can speak two languages and is able to express themselves well, they have an advantage for life, which can also help them professionally.

Parents are important role models when learning and speaking languages. They are living examples of the fact that both languages are equally important. The parents' native language as well as the language spoken in the country they now live in.

Kreis Bergstraße will support you in this endeavour and has put together the following list of useful tips for you.

Kind regards



Christian Engelhardt, Landrat



## GETTING TO KNOW OTHER FAMILIES

Even if you don't have a creche or kindergarden place for your child, there are opportunities to get to know other parents and their children.

One such opportunity is a drop in (clusive). This is open to parents with children aged 0-3 and you will be able to meet other mums and dads and your child can play with other children. Many of these Drop Ins are free of charge and you don't have to book in advance.

Information on what is offered to families in your local community is available in your local town hall or on your community's website.

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## HOW TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR CHILD

### **You are an important role model for your child.**

You can show your child, that you value and speak both your native language as well as German.

#### **Things you can do:**

- Make an effort to learn German and are participating in a German language course.
- Ask your child, how to say things in German, so that your child starts getting interested in the German language and is proud to be learning German.
- Speak to your child in the language that you are most competent in, i.e. your native tongue.

### **Create as many opportunities for your child to speak as possible.**

Speaking to German children or adults will help your child to gain new vocabulary and express themselves.

#### **Things you can do:**

- Regularly look at picture books with your child and talk about the stories in these books.
- Ask your child to tell you what happened in nursery today. By doing this, you are supporting your child's linguistic development.
- The more your child plays with German children both in and outside of kindergarden, the quicker it will learn German, for example in the playground, when playing with German friends or in the home of German friends.
- Many communities offer holiday activities for children and adolescents. By taking part in these activities, your child will get to know the area better and will get to meet others. Information on holiday activities in your local communities is available in your local town hall.

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