## **Family**

## The family as a cross-sectional task

Families provide essential benefits, not just for themselves but also for the future of our society. In order to fulfil these tasks, however, families require reliable framework conditions and a family-friendly environment. For the City of Mannheim, being family and children-friendly is therefore an important strategic objective.

Under this heading, you will find many possibilities for discovering and exploring family-friendly Mannheim, but also offers of counselling and support. In Mannheim, family represents a cross-sectional task, in which all those involved participate as neighbourhoods and across the generations.

- Adoptions/foster children
- Guardianship, approved custodianship, maintenance
- Child guidance consultation Psychological Counselling Centre
- Familienpass (Family pass) and Landesfamilienpass (State family pass)
- Fit for kids Mannheim child guidance initiative
- Early aid/Parent-child centre
- Child guidance aid / Social services
- Child benefits and parental benefits
- The STÄRKE (STRENGTH) state program
- Economic aid for adolescents

## **Counselling centres:**

- <u>Diakonie Mannheim</u> Counselling related to pregnancy, birth and the family
- <u>donum vitae</u> Pregnancy conflict counselling, pregnancy counselling, Sex educational prevention Heidelberg, Mannheim, Rhein-Neckar
- pro familia Assistance in the fields of family planning, sex education, sex counselling
- <u>Social counselling for students at the Mannheim Universities</u>. Counselling for students with children. Nursery care for children from 1-6 years.
- <u>Social service, Catholic Women Mannheim</u> Pregnancy and family counselling, networking facility for prenatal diagnostics, Baby 5 Baby and children's clothing)

## *Information booklets:*

- Arbeitskreis Neue Erziehung (Working Group, Modern Child Guidance) Parental information – with parents for parents
- <u>bke-Elternberatung (Parental Counselling)</u> Parental counselling and exchange (Arbeiterwohlfahrt, Deutscher Caritasverband, Diakonisches Werk Deutschland, Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband charities)
- Deutscher Familienverband (German Families Association) Lobby group for families
- <u>Familienhandbuch (Family Manual)</u> Information on child guidance and family life (with articles for pregnant women) from the State Institute for Early Education
- <u>Familienratgeber (Family information booklet)</u> for people with disabilities, their relatives and the facilities caring for them from the Aktion Mensch charity lottery.
- <u>Kindernetzwerk (Children's network)-</u> Contacts and addresses for parents with sick or disabled children
- Spielgut Consumer advice for toys and games