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Handout for initial orientation

# Assistance for children

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Every child develops in its own way and has its own pace of development. However, clear delays or weaknesses require diagnostics and, if necessary, therapy. If parents have the impression that their child has delays in speech, movement or in the area of mental development, they should talk to their **pediatrician** about it. They will advise and refer them to specialists:

## Speech therapy (Logopädie)

A speech therapist treats problems in the area of **language**. He or she finds out what the child needs help with, provides treatment through exercises and advises the parents.

Speech therapy is part of primary health care. The pediatrician issues a **prescription**. The treatment is covered by the health insurance and is therefore **free of charge**. The parents choose the speech therapist themselves..

## Occupational therapy (Ergotherapie)

Children with difficulties in **movement, balance and concentration** can go to occupational therapy. The occupational therapist finds out what the child needs help with and supports and encourages him or her. He or she advises the parents and gives advice for home.

Occupational therapy is part of primary health care. The pediatrician issues a **prescription**. The treatment is covered by the health insurance and is therefore **free of charge**. The parents choose the occupational therapist themselves.

## Early intervention (Frühförderung)

An early intervention centre helps with developmental delays in various areas. Here, people from different therapeutic and educational professions work together and it is possible to find out in which areas the child has difficulties and how it can be supported. The diagnosis takes place at the early intervention centre. The treatment usually takes place in the kindergarten, at home or in the rooms of the centre itself. To make an appointment, simply call one of the early intervention centres. The costs are covered by the social welfare office after application.

Addresses of the early intervention centres:

**Interdisziplinäre Frühförder- und Beratungsstelle OTTO der Stadt Magdeburg** | Lumumbastraße 26  
| 39126 Magdeburg | telephone 0391 6627880

**Interdisziplinäre Frühförderstelle »Mogli« des Kinderförderwerkes Magdeburg e. V.** | Halberstädter  
Str. 123b | 39120 Magdeburg | telephone 0391 7276951

**F.I.B.Z. – Familien-, Informations- und Beratungszentrum** | Frühförderstelle Stiftung Evangelische  
Jugendhilfe | Kleine Schulstr. 24 | 39106 Magdeburg | telephone 0391 59802718

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