



Suggestions for parents speaking a foreign language

Multiple languages - a huge advantage

You speak another language than German with your child and your child is being raised multi-lingually: no problem for most children. In fact, being multi-lingual will be a great advantage.

Through your language, your child learns about your culture and his or her roots. It is important that your child also learns German as early as possible.

How to help your child

- Speak the language that you speak best with your child.
- Speak to your child about everything you do. Listen to your child, tell him or her stories and praise your child whenever he or she tries to express him or herself. The aim is for your child to enjoy speaking.
- It is helpful for your child to be exposed to German at the earliest possible age. The more he or she is with children and adults who speak German, the more easily your child will learn German.
- Let your child make mistakes and mix up the languages. This is normal and will disappear with time.
- The better your child speaks his or her first language, the easier it is for your child to learn German (and other languages). Your child will build upon the first language and compare the languages.

For questions concerning your child's linguistic development

If you are unsure about your child's development, if, for example, he or she speaks very little, very unclearly or if he or she does not understand you, ask the person from whom you received this information for help. You may also speak to your child's paediatrician.

Use the services on offer in Oberdorf!

- **Mütter-, Väterberatung (Consultancy for mothers and fathers)**
Contact: Frau Verena Probst, Stacherberg 7, 4418 Reigoldswil, 061 941 16 71
- **Familientreff (Playgroup)**
Contact: Frau Gaby Nägelin, Sonnenweg 16, 4436 Oberdorf, 061 961 04 69
- **Spielgruppe (Nursery school)**
Contact: Frau Anita Bisang, Badweg 9, 4436 Oberdorf, 061 961 85 34
- **Mutter und Kind Turnen (Mother and child physical exercise)**
Contact: Frau Annik Freuler Müller, 4436 Oberdorf, 061 321 52 30, 076 454 03 18
- **Library**
Dorfmatthstrasse 6, 4436 Oberdorf
- **Kinderkleiderbörse (Children's clothes swap meet)**
Hintere Gasse 7, 4436 Oberdorf
- **Connectica language courses for women**
Contact: Frau Anita Bisang, Badweg 9, 4436 Oberdorf, 061 961 85 34 or
Ausländerdienst BL, Bahnhofstrasse 16, 4133 Pratteln, 061 827 99 00