No matter whether you show interest in your day-care centre's offerings, get elected as parent representative or participate in the BEA: this is your opportunity to actively shape the future of your child – it's not that difficult!

The BEA cordially invites you to its meetings!

Time and place can be found at

www.lea-hamburg.de







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The "Landeselternausschuss" (Parent's State Council) informs



Speak up for your kids!



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The parents associations introduce themselves

Dear parents,

Your child will soon be visiting a day-care facility or might already be doing so. This is an important transition and one that might raise many questions.

What will day-to-day life be like at the day-care centre?

What is the role of the "Jugendamt" (Youth Welfare Office)?

Will my child be optimally supported?

You may wish to present the day-care facility with your own ideas, suggestions or wishes! While all of this is possible via a face to face discussion with the day-care facility's staff, you can get additional support from the "Elternausschuss" (Parent's Council) in the day-care centre.



Further translations of this information you will find at

www.lea-hamburg.de/flyer

"Elternausschuss" (Parent's Council) in the day-care centre

Each day-care facility ought to have an "Elternausschuss", elected from and by parents; this is a legal requirement (the parents' council might also be called "Elternrat", "Elternvertretung", or similar). This is where you can meet with like-minded parents and lobby for your ideas. The "Elternausschuss" represents parents and can actively influence the day-to-day life of your day-care facility.

The day-care facility's management, on the other hand, has a duty to inform the parents. You have to be informed of, for example, the employment of a new teacher or material changes in the premises.

It is your right to know what happens to your child!

Your "Elternausschuss" will support you in your right. Just ask your day-care facility about your "Elternausschuss" and their activities!

The parent's representatives of the day-care centres of your district send also a representative in the "Bezirkselternausschuss" (BEA - The Parent's District Council).



"Bezirkselternausschuss" (BEA – The Parent's District Council)

The BEA sees itself as the link between parents, day-care facility, and "Jugendamt" (Youth Welfare Office). This is where parent representatives from several day-care facilities meet to exchange experiences and discuss current topics. Good ideas are passed on and solutions for problems might be found.





The BEA also holds contact with the "Jugendamt". In case of problems, the BEA might be able to help due to its direct contacts; in cases of problems with the daycare facility, the "Jugendamt" may be consulted.

Interested parents are always welcome to attend the BEA's public meetings!

"Landeselternausschuss" (LEA – The Parent's State Council)

The LEA is composed of delegates from the seven BEAs (Altona, Bergedorf, Eimsbüttel, Harburg, Mitte, Nord, Wandsbek). The LEA serves as contact for government officials and politicians for all questions concerning childcare and day-care facilities; the LEA is meant to be the representative of all Hamburg's parents. Meetings of the LEA are again open to all interested parents.