

Information about the state program



Dear parents,

Children enrich our lives. However, family life also entails a lot of challenges. We therefore aim to support you in your everyday life as a family and would like to invite you to attend one of our open meetings, where you can exchange experiences with other parents, talk to experts or take part in a family education course. The state program STÄRKE (STRENGTH) was given this name because we want to strengthen your competence as parents. If required, we offer you financial support that will enable you to use the services of interest to you even if you have a low income. We would be delighted if you would try out a STÄRKE service.

All the best, and enjoy your family!



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katrin Altpeter".

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What is STÄRKE?

STÄRKE is a state program that aims to strengthen parents' competence and improve the opportunities for development open to their children. The goal is to improve the information available to parents about the services provided, possibilities of obtaining financial support for participation and how providers and services work together on site.



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What services are available?

Courses for families with children aged under 1

These courses cover the care, nutrition and development of your child and give you the opportunity to contact other parents.

If you find it difficult to cover the costs, you can apply for a cost reduction of up to 100 €. The application forms are available from the course provider.

Services for families in special circumstances

If you find yourself in challenging circumstances, you can make use of services specially tailored to your situation. You can participate in these irrespective of your child's age. This offer is free of charge once only for each parent.

Special circumstances may for example include:

- Single parenthood
- Early parenthood (at least one parent aged under 18)
- Victims of violence
- Disease (also addiction) or disability of a family member
- Multiple births
- Migrant background
- Foster or adopted children in the family
- Precarious financial circumstances
- Accident or death of a family member
- Separation and divorce

Educational outings for families

Families in special circumstances can also participate in one outing or weekend oriented to the needs of the target group. Financial support is also available for this service.

House visits with counselling

If you need individual support in addition to a STÄRKE service for your family, you may request house visits with counselling. Please contact the course provider or open meeting organiser if you are interested.

Open meetings

These meetings are open to all families free of charge and offer an opportunity for families to meet and exchange experiences. You can also obtain information about other offers and support services for families here.

Where can I find information about the services available?

You can obtain information about the services available from parent-child centres, maternity centres, other family education providers, the authority responsible for families at your local civic centre, or your town or district website.

Where can I find more information about STÄRKE?

You will find more information on the website of the Ministerium für Arbeit und Sozialordnung, Familie, Frauen und Senioren [Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Family, Women and Seniors] at www.staerke-bw.de or on the website of the Kommunalverband für Jugend und Soziales [Municipal Association for Young People and Social Affairs] at www.kvjs.de/jugend/kinderschutz/staerke.html

