

## **Handout on assumption of costs/cost reduction for fees associated with child day care in the town of Radolfzell am Bodensee.**

With the decision by the municipal council on 13/04/2021, a gradual three-year increase in fees for child day care in Radolfzell was determined. The innovation of the Zeller Card, which was decided at the same time, resulted in the creation of financial relief for families.

Please note the following information from 01/09/2021 when applying for financial relief services:

### 1. Priority:

#### **Assumption of costs by the Regional Office**

The Youth Welfare Office is responsible for assuming the costs for attending child day care (nursery /day-care facility / crèche) if the parents and child cannot be expected to bear the financial burden. Any assumption of costs is dependent on income. Evidence must be provided indicating eligibility to have costs assumed by the Office for Children, Youth and Family via one of the following benefits

- receipt of type-II unemployment benefits, housing benefits, or child allowance through the Family Benefits Office
- receipt of benefits in accordance with the Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act [AsylbIG], or receiving minimum subsistence benefits [Grundsicherung] from the Social Welfare Office
- or via an income calculation in accordance with Section 90 para 3 and 4 Code of Social Law [SGB] VIII.

Concept of income:

The total income of the parents and child, plus the income of the children entitled to receive child benefits, who live in a household with the child under care.

Link to application forms:

[https://www.lra-kn.de/startseite/service\\_verwaltung/kindestagesbetreuung.html](https://www.lra-kn.de/startseite/service_verwaltung/kindestagesbetreuung.html)

Here, you will find the application to be completed and the confirmation of nursery attendance which must be completed by the facility and enclosed with the application.

The application must be submitted in full and signed to:

Konstanz Regional Office, Office for Children, Youth and Family  
Otto-Blesch-Straße 49/51, 78315 Radolfzell am Bodensee

## 2. Another option for financial support

### **10% reduction to fees provided by the Zeller Card**

If the parents are not eligible to have their costs assumed by the Youth Welfare Office, they can apply for a Zeller Card to receive a 10% discount on child day-care fees across all facilities and providers insofar as they are eligible in accordance with the following criteria:

- a) Single parents with at least one child under the age of 18 entitled to receive child benefits living in a household provided they have a gross annual income of a maximum of €50,000
- b) Families with at least one child under the age of 18 entitled to receive child benefits living in a household provided they have a gross annual income of a maximum of €60,000
- c) Families with at least two children under the age of 18 entitled to receive child benefits living in a household provided they have a gross annual income of a maximum of €70,000

The Zeller Card can be requested from the Town of Radolfzell, Citizen's Office, at the email address [buergerinformation@radolfzell.de](mailto:buergerinformation@radolfzell.de) by submitting the relevant official notices/IDs (see section II of the Zeller Card flyer).

When the Zeller Card is submitted to the child day-care facility, the child day-care facility provider will charge the reduced parental contribution. Please note: Any submission for the coming month must always be made by the 10th of the previous month. Submissions cannot be corrected retroactively.

### **Expiry and renewal of proof of eligibility**

For 1.) Any assumption of fees for a child day-care facility by the Regional Office must be re-applied for regularly. The deadline for re-applying can be found in the official notification confirming the assumption of costs.

For 2.) The Zeller Card will remain valid for one year from the date of issue and can be extended for a further year provided the conditions for its issue are still met. To do this, official notifications/IDs must be re-submitted to the email address mentioned above.