

## An overview of the programme

**When?** January 2018 – December 2022

**Who?** Childcare professionals in cooperation partnerships, children and their parents

**Where?** 90 childcare centres in Saxony



## Online platform

The online platform collects and bundles all experiences and outcomes of the *Willkommens-KITAs* programme and make them accessible to other institutions and interested persons. The portal offers vivid examples as well as hands-on materials and inspiration around diversity. The publication “Ways to becoming a Willkommens-KITA – material for practical childcare work” is available to download for free.



**If you have questions or would like to exchange your views – Please get in touch!**

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## What is it about?

Diversity is part of our everyday lives in any child-care centre in Saxony. Different social and cultural backgrounds as well as individual strengths, interests and capabilities come together here. This diversity does pose many questions to the personnel in child care centres and after school clubs. How do we deal with cultural and social diversity? What will encourage parents to actively engage into everyday life of the institution? How can we best support children in their language learning?

As part of the *WillkommensKITAs* programme, the German Children and Youth Foundation supports childcare centres in Saxony in finding answers to all their individual needs. This is in no way aiming solemnly at children of different cultural backgrounds or refugees. Speech development familiarisation or prejudice-consciousness education are topics concerning all children.



„We have learned what ‘welcome’ really means. We want to welcome ALL children, whether they come from refugee families, educationally deprived backgrounds, highly educated families or have special needs.“

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The programme *WillkommensKITAs* shall contribute to **all children and their families** to **feel at ease** as well as **welcome** and **appreciated**. They are thus enabled to **part-take** and join in into everyday life at the KiTa with their individual ideas and strengths. All children, parents and staff will encounter the **richness of cultural diversity**.

The programme aims at building a **local support network** for each institution cooperating with external institutions such as the major’s office and community officials, heads of refugee accommodations, commissioner for foreigners or counselling agencies. Together, they will contribute to achieving successful integration processes and reducing prejudice.

## Which support will child care centres receive?

Childcare centres are facing multiple challenges and thus need practical support. The programme *WillkommensKITAs* enables and strengthens professionals in dealing with diversity. It offers specialist support to the teams by **hands-on guidance**, **demand orientated training** as well as **professional exchange and networking**.

This intense guidance is of valuable importance in ensuring efficient quality management and development whereby all parents and children benefit.

**Interested institutions can now apply for this programme. Send your application today!**



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