

The purpose of the programme STÄRKE / STRENGTH is to strengthen the parents' competencies, in particular their educational competencies, thus strengthening the children and improve their development opportunities. A central element of this programme of the government of Baden-Württemberg will be the distribution of educational vouchers at a value of 40, - € to all parents of newborn babies.

THE EDUCATIONAL VOUCHER

It's that easy!

The educational voucher, valued 40, - € will be sent to parents by the Einwohnermeldeamt / registration office (for foster and adoptive children by the Jugendamt / youth welfare office). Parents will hand in this voucher when booking a course of their choice with the course organizers. If the course fees amount to 40, - €, the voucher will cover the fees and no additional money will have to be paid by the parents; should the course be more expensive, then the value of the voucher is deducted from the fees due. The course organizer will ask the parents to sign the voucher and will forward it to the Jugendamt.

WHO CAN QUALIFY?

The child is born after 1st September 2008. The parents' main place of residence together with their child is in Baden-Württemberg. Participation in a family educational course must start before the first birthday of the child.

WHAT COURSES CAN BE BOOKED?

A basic course with four times 1, 5 hours (8 lecture units) on the development of children in their first year of life. Four evenings dedicated to topics like communication within the family, how to be a father and a mother, fathers during parental leave, development psychology, childcare, nutrition, movement. The voucher is also valid as partial payment for a more comprehensive course for parents that might cover subjects of relational issues or questions regarding older children.