

How much will early intervention cost me?

Interdisciplinary early intervention is free of charge for children and their parents. Medical therapy recommended as an early intervention measure is prescribed by the paediatrician and paid for by the family's health insurance company. The local social welfare authority will gladly bear the costs of necessary curative education upon receipt of a corresponding application from the parents.

Who finances early intervention?

The services rendered by interdisciplinary early intervention centres are jointly financed by the health insurance companies and local social welfare organizations; this financing is regulated by law (SGB (Social Code) IX, SGB V, SGB XII). Moreover, interdisciplinary early intervention centres can also obtain voluntary cost subsidies from the state of Baden-Württemberg for services that are not financed as per the respectively applicable funding conditions.

What is the legal basis of early intervention?

The legal basis for early intervention is expressed in the Ninth Book of the German Social Code (SGB IX) and the ordinance on early recognition and early intervention for disabled children and children threatened by disability (Verordnung zur Früherkennung und Frühförderung behinderter und von Behinderung bedrohter Kinder). The early intervention ordinance was implemented in Baden-Württemberg by the state framework agreement (Landesrahmenvereinbarung - LRV) that came into force on 1 July 2014.

Would you like to know more?

You can also find information about early intervention in Baden-Württemberg on the internet at:

www.rp.baden-wuerttemberg.de/Themen/Soziales/Landesarzt/Seiten/default.aspx

Here, e.g. in the "Wegweiser Frühförderung", you will find the addresses of the interdisciplinary early intervention centres, special education advisory centres, children's clinics, social paediatric centres and social welfare authorities listed by urban districts and counties.

You will also find more information on the website of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration by entering the search term "Frühförderung": www.sm.baden-wuerttemberg.de

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Early Intervention in Interdisciplinary Early Intervention Centres in Baden-Württemberg



 Information for Parents
and Interested Parties

For whom is early intervention intended?

Children with developmental delays, impending or existing disabilities and their parents are the focus of early intervention measures from the time they are born until the time they start school. Interdisciplinary early intervention aims to prevent or lessen the threat of disability and the effects of existing disabilities and to strengthen the children affected. Part of the work involves eliminating obstructive conditions that could hinder inclusion.

Where can I/we get advice and support?

Your paediatrician is always your first contact. If you are worried about your child's development or if an impending or existing disability has already been diagnosed, you can also contact the interdisciplinary early intervention centre in your urban district or county directly.

Who makes the application for early intervention?

You as parents apply for early intervention and can also end it at any time. With your consent and cooperation, experts design a developmental and treatment plan for your child in order to support and promote his or her individual development.

Who will help my child and advise me?

Experts in the fields of medicine (occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech therapy), education and psychology (curative education, psychology, social education) work as a team at recognized interdisciplinary early intervention centres. The child is helped and treated in close cooperation with the parents and the family's paediatrician.

Where will my child be undergoing early intervention?

At an interdisciplinary early intervention centre, at your home and also at the kindergarten in individual cases.

What happens to our personal data?

As parents, you decide which data and information can be stored and/or passed on to third parties.

What are the principles of interdisciplinary early intervention?

The Ministries of Education and Social Affairs in Baden-Württemberg approved a general early intervention concept in 1998. This concept formulates the five principles of early intervention, which are still valid today:

- **Holistic approach:** When undergoing early intervention, the child is accepted by his social environment as an intact personality and his/her development is fostered.
- **Family orientation:** Early intervention is requested by the parents. They are involved in decisions about intervention measures and are invariably kept extensively informed. Parents can also be supported, strengthened and assisted if they wish.

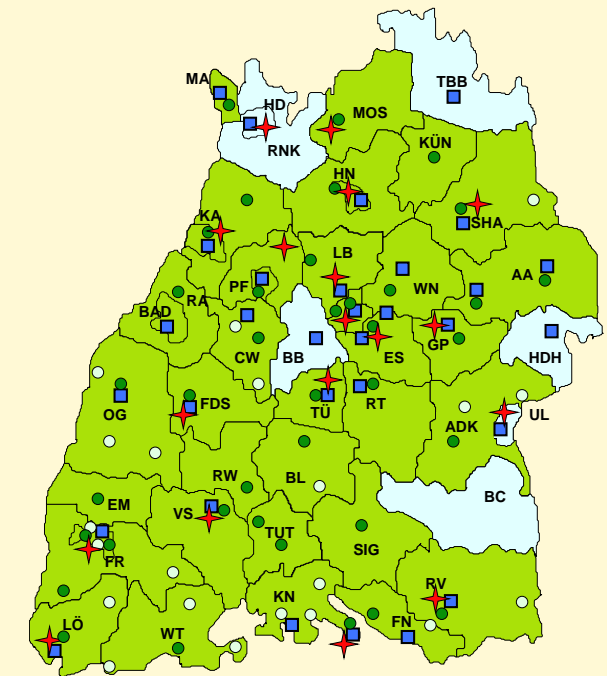


- **Interdisciplinary approach:** Experts in the fields of medicine, education and psychology work as a team and can respond in an interdisciplinary fashion to the needs of the child and his/her family without the restrictions of a purely medical or purely educational team.
- **Decentralisation:** Interdisciplinary early intervention centres have been or will be set up in all urban districts and counties in Baden-Württemberg, making them accessible to all children in need and their parents.

- **Cooperation and assistance with coordination:** Developmental measures are particularly successful when the special measures for each child are coordinated and can therefore be offered as a unit. Interdisciplinary early intervention centres therefore work with the facilities relevant to the child's, e.g. special education advisory centres at schools, social paediatric centres, daycare centres etc. so that all can work together to help children with developmental delays or disabilities before they start school.

Interdisciplinary Early Intervention Centres in Baden-Württemberg:

Green: with interdisciplinary early intervention centre,
blue: without interdisciplinary early intervention centre



Source: Landesarzt für Menschen mit Behinderungen

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- ★ Social paediatric centres (SPC)
- Paediatric clinics
- Interdisciplinary early intervention centres + ○ Branch offices