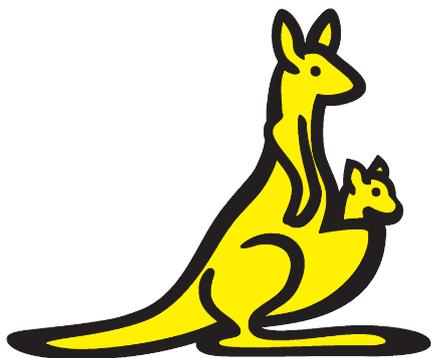


WELCOME TO »KÄNGURU«!

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Känguru
hilft und begleitet

We are glad that you have chosen a godmothership!

The godmother helps you and your family. The godmother comes to your apartment to assist you with your babies. In your home country this task has often been taken over by the granny, the aunt or the relatives. In Germany, many families are without their relatives and can use the »Känguru« program. Your godmother visits you once a week for 2-3 hours. She will come to you over the next 6 months.

The godmother will help you, because it is her heart's desire and she is glad to help you. It's not her job and she does not get any money for it. She visits you in her free time.

To get to know her for the first time, the godmother and a caregiver from »Känguru« will visit you in your apartment or accommodation. If necessary, we will also invite a translator to support you. Use the first meeting to ask the godmother all the questions that are important to you. For example:

- Does the godmother have children on her own?
- What else does the godmother do in her life (work, hobbies)?
- How often and when exactly do you want to meet with the godmother in the next few weeks? What kind of help do you want from the godmother?
- How can you stay in contact with the godmother?

Exchange your phone numbers and arrange the next meeting. It is also important that your children and your husband get to know the godmother from the beginning.

The second meeting then takes place only between your family and the godmother.

Only you and the godmother will decide when, where and how long (usually 3 hours a week) the meetings will be. It takes time to get to know each other. Discuss with the godmother when

you meet. When you have an appointment, it is important that you come to the meeting. If you do not have time then you have to cancel the meeting the day before. The easiest way is to call your godmother to cancel.

A godmother is a great help and brings a lot of good things into your life.

It is quite normal when there are sometimes a few problems. Not every person has the same thoughts. There are many different cultures and religions in the world. Other opinions are great and it is normal if you have questions and do not understand something. Even the godmother will get to know your way of life and culture first and is curious to learn more.

If you have any questions or problems, talk to the godmother about it and tell the godmother about you. This helps to get to know each other better. If you can not talk to your godmother, talk to the »Känguru« caregiver.

How can the godmother help?

- You can ask questions about: baby, children, school, health, culture, life in Germany, etc.
- Take a walk with the child and play
- Take care of the child when you need to handle other things (authorities, German language course, doctor, etc.)
- Find your way around the area (arrange a doctor's appointment, get a bus ticket)
- Learn German together

What does the godmother not do?

- Cleaning
- Cooking
- Searching for an apartment
- Legal counsel
- Government services
- Interpreter
- Official representation

If you do no longer need the godmother, then please tell the godmother.

The godmother often has many private duties and a job. It may also happen that the godmother can not support you any more. This may have many reasons and is a great pity.

The godmothership is not forever. After six months, the godmothership ends.

We would be glad if you tell us how you liked it after the godmothership.

If you still want to continue working with the godmother after this time, talk to »Känguru«.

We wish you a nice time with your godmothership!