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Children, youth and family

Offers for children

Multilingual playgroups "Griffbereit"



JOIN IN! Play, learn, have breakfast!

A multilingual sing-language and play group for all parents with children aged 1 to 3 years.

Further information ⇒ www.integration.kreis-hoexter.de

Participation is free of charge!

Contact: If you are interested, please contact the Höxter District Municipal Integration Centre:

Eva Lisa Mlody

☎ 05271/965-3611

@e.mlody@kreis-hoexter.de

"Griffbereit" 1st playgroup in Höxter

WHEN: every Tuesday from 8:45 am to 10:15 am

WHERE: Family centre KUNTERBUNT ([Schlesische Straße 20, 37671 Höxter](#))

If you are interested, please contact:

☎ [052712609](tel:052712609) or [052717608](tel:052717608) or [052719653611](tel:052719653611)

"Griffbereit" 2nd playgroup in Höxter

WHEN: Every Monday from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Welcome e. V., Grubestraße 28, 37671 Höxter

Contact person: Maria Pankratz

"Griffbereit" playgroup in Beverungen

WHEN: every Tuesday, from 10 am - 12 pm

WHERE : Burgstraße 21, 37688 Beverungen

Contact persons: Rawda Alsouki and Amal Biro

"Griffbereit" playgroup in ZUE Borgentreich

WHEN: every Wednesday from 10 am

WHERE : Am Maihof 1, 34434 Borgentreich

Contact persons: Ilze and Rawda

Kulturrucksack NRW - Höxter District

Kulturrucksack NRW - Kreis Höxter

More culture for children and young people from 10 to 14 years of age.

A whole backpack full of **art and culture!** Painting, dancing, filming, acting or being creative - in the studio, at the screen or behind the camera. Since 2013, there have been various **free offers** in the district of Höxter.

On the website of the **cultural office** you can find all offers and also ideas for at home ⇒
www.netzschafftkultur.de

Here you can find ⇒ [a video about the Kulturrucksack Kreis Höxter](#)

Leisure activities

⇒ [See also offers for families](#)

⇒ [You can also find current events in the event calendar](#)

“Maus International“

The **“Maus“** is typically German and every child knows it. Have a look!

Website ⇒ Maus international

OPEN SUNDAY - Free sports programme for primary school children in the Höxter district

OPEN SUNDAY is an open and free exercise programme for **children aged 6 to 11.**

There are currently OPEN SUNDAYS in **Bad Driburg, Beverungen, Höxter and Warburg.**

No registration required! All children in the Höxter district can attend all OPEN SUNDAYS.

Please bring sportswear and indoor shoes!

⇒ [Further information](#)

Internet pages with tips for tinkering and playing

♦ On the **website Aduis** you will find **craft ideas** and craft instructions for download. They contain templates and step-by-step **handicraft tips** for all seasons and occasions. ⇒ www.aduis.at/bastelideen

♦ The "**Kitu-App: Play and move together**" brings **fun, games and exercise** for the whole family. Simple and effective movement exercises from the "Kinderturnstiftung Baden Württemberg" and the "Auerbach-Stiftung" from about **4 years of age**.

⇒ [Download for Android-Handy](#)

⇒ [Download for iPhone](#)

Holiday programme

During the **summer holidays**, many towns offer a **special holiday programme for children**.

⇒ [Further Information about holiday programs you will find here.](#)

Music school

The **music school** offers the opportunity to learn how to **play an instrument** or take **singing lessons**.

If you require **assistance with the application**, please contact the **local social worker** or a **volunteer helper** ⇒ [see here the contactpersons \(consulting Services\)](#)

Bad Driburg

⇒ [Website of the music school](#)

Steinheim and Nieheim

⇒ [Website of the music school](#)

Höxter

⇒ [Website of the music school](#)

Warburg

⇒ [Website of the music school](#)

Swimming lessons for children

⇒ [here you will find information about swimming lessons for children.](#)

Offers by the Kinderschutzbund (Child Protection Agency)

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Kinderschutzbund (Ortsverband Höxter e.V [Local Child Protection Agency in Höxter])

📍 [Berliner Platz 1, 37671 Höxter](#)

⇒ www.kinderschutzbund-hoexter.de

Contact:

☎ [052714989220](tel:052714989220)

@info@kinderschutzbund-hoexter.de

'Kleiderstübchen' charity shop

Kinderschutzbund Höxter e.V. offers (second-hand) **children's clothing**. All **families** can buy used baby and children's clothing as well as shoes, toys, books, pushchairs, baby cots, child seats, etc. in the '**Kleiderstübchen**' **charity shop** at **affordable** prices.

📍 [Berliner Platz 1, 37671 Höxter](#)

Opening hours: Tuesdays from 9.00am-12.00am and wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

"Kein Kind ohne Essen" (No Child without Food)

Paying for **schoolchildren's lunch in the cafeteria** can sometimes be difficult.

The Child Protection Association wants to help and offers support:

- with applying for **[BUT \(Education and Participation Package\)](#)**
- in communicating with the food supplier (caterer)
- in covering the costs of your child's lunch at short notice if you run into financial problems.
You pay the money back at a later point in time.

You can get **more information** by calling 'Kein Kind ohne Essen' ☎ [015223224524](tel:015223224524)

Please call us or contact us by text message/WhatsApp!

Offers for young people

Youth Centre

Youth Centre

A **Youth Centre** is a place where **young people** (adolescents) and **older children** can meet and spend their **leisure time** together. Qualified educational staff is present on site as **contact persons**.

There is a great **variety of offers**, outdoors and indoors, for playing or "chilling".

Höxter

"Jugendtreff" JUZI

📍 [Brenkhäuserstr. 3, 37671 Höxter](#)

Opening times:

Monday to Friday: 05:00 pm – 08:00 pm
every first Saturday of the month (special offers)

The **"Jugendtreff" in Höxter** is an institution for public child and youth work offering an extensive **programme for children and young people aged 12 years and older**. The offers are organised, supervised and carried out by a team of **three educational assistants**.

For example:

♦ **"Offener Treff" (Open Club)** with kicker table, billiard, Playstation, kiosk, a music room for rehearsing, Football room, fitness room and much more.

♦ **offers that require registration:** for example Pottery, the mountain bike tour or skateboard workshops and **other courses** (for current offers visit the website)

For information about all offers visit the website ⇒ [to the Website](#) (in German)

Contact:

☎ 05271 920 393

@jugendtreff@hoexter.de

Brakel

"Jugendfreizeitstätte" Brakel

HOT-Haus der offenen Tür

📍 [Heilige Seele 1, 33034 Brakel](#)

Opening times: Monday to Friday 02:30 pm to 08:30 pm

The **"Jugendfreizeitstätte"** offers room for interesting and useful **leisure activities** as well as opportunities for mutual **exchange** and **assistance in social issues**.

The offers are meant for **children and young people aged between 10 and 22 years** and they are for **free**. However, some projects require registration and a fee.

Facilities and offers:

Indoors:

◆ Table tennis ◆ Billiard ◆ Kicker table ◆ Air Hockey ◆ Cafeteria – with music system ◆ Collection of board games ◆ Computer room ◆ Games consoles ◆ Kitchen ◆ Girls' room ◆ Crafts room with kiln, pottery wheel, enamelling furnace ◆ Large room with stage (for events, e.g. film screenings, concerts, disco, badminton and others) ◆ Rehearsal room for music bands

Outdoors:

◆ Football field ◆ Table tennis ◆ Basketball ◆ Skating ground ◆ Climbing wall ◆ Pavilion ◆ "Eagle's nest" with nest swings ◆ Trampoline

Times of use and rules apply for outdoor facilities!

Project: "Lunchtime supervision"

There is the opportunity for pupils and students from **primary school age to 16 years** to get **support with their homework** and **eat lunch** after school. **Registration** is required. **Parents have to contribute to the costs.**

For information and offers visit the website ⇒ [to the Website \(in German\)](#)

Contact:

☎ 052726147

@jugendfreizeitstaette@stadtbrakel.de

Nieheim

Municipal children's and youth centre "Timeout"

📍 [Richterstraße 5 \(2nd floor\), 33039 Nieheim](#)

Contact:

☎ 01515/9883304

Opening hours:

Tuesdays:

Kids' meeting: 15.30-17.30 (8-12 years)

The Kids-Treff offers a wide range of activities. We get creative together, go outside, play team games and bake or cook. You also have time to take advantage of all the offers at the "Timeout".

Open Meeting: 18.00-20.00 (from 12 years)

At the open meeting place you can spend your free time as you like. A pool table, a play station, a music system, table football and lots of board games are waiting for you!

There is also a lot of handicraft material to be creative with.

Cosy seating areas and our meeting kiosk invite you to chill out.

Wednesdays:

Open meeting: 3.30-6.00 p.m. (from 10 years).

Fridays:

Small Treff: 16.00-18.00 (8-12 years).

At the Small Meeting you can get a taste of what the Open Meeting is like. You can play freely in the youth meeting place, there will not be a fixed offer every time, as in the Kids' Meeting Place.

Open Meeting: 18.00-20.00 (from 12 years)

Holidays:

There is a separate programme during the holidays. The opening times may be different. Please note our respective holiday programme.

These offers are available at the "Treff":

- ◆ Billiards
- ◆ Table football
- ◆ Board and card games
- ◆ Handicraft materials
- ◆ Playstation
- ◆ free WLAN

Steinheim

Jugendzentrum „Eckpunkt“

📍 [Hinter der Mauer 4, 32839 Steinheim](#)

Opening times: Monday: 03:00 pm – 09:00 pm ; Tuesday + Wednesday + Friday: 03:00 pm – 10:00 pm

“Eckpunkt“ is closed on Thursdays!

Young people are offered **answers to their questions** here. The centre is a place where young people can **meet, listen to music** together, "chill" and take part in **leisure activities**.

Regular leisure offers:

♦ Kicker ♦ Billiard ♦ Darts ♦ Board games ♦ Table tennis ♦ Video games ♦ Beamer, TV, movies ♦ Music system ♦ Sports (Tuesdays from 04:00 pm)

♦ Outdoor activities (for example ice skating, cinema, cycling tours, public pools, canoe)

♦ Tuition in the school subjects German, English and Mathematics (if required and according to arrangement)

♦ joined cooking, Wednesdays from 04:00 pm

Youth social work

♦ Counselling for different situations in life

♦ Pedagogical integration and prevention work

♦ Mediation with counselling centres

♦ Cooperation with authorities, schools, youth centres, the support association "Jugendarbeit" and local clubs and associations

♦ Special events with young people and their social surrounding

Contact:

Sebastian Nolte

☎05233940740

@eckpunkt@sthm.de

For further information see ⇒ [here](#)

Warburg

Jugendzentrum Mönchehof (KOT)

📍[Sternstraße 31, 34414 Warburg](#)

This youth centre (400 sqm on 2 floors) offers qualified and pedagogical **assistance for young people aged 10 to 21 years.**

Offers:

♦ Table tennis ♦ Air hockey ♦ Billiard ♦ Punching bag ♦ Two kicker tables ♦ Rehearsal room with set of drums and keyboard

♦ Creative arts and crafts with different materials ♦ Pottery

♦ Workshop for craft activities with soapstone, Yton (aerated concrete) and wood

♦ Computer games (PS4, Wii)

♦ Outdoor activities (football, volleyball and basketball)

- ◆ "Chiller´s lounge" (a room for exchange or relaxing)
- ◆ Prevention offers concerning drugs, sexuality and contraception, conflicts and nutrition/diet
- ◆ Counselling for job applications and choosing a career
- ◆ Help and support with all situations in life

Contact:

Rita Assauer

☎05641741987

KulturPass

What is the KulturPass?

The KulturPass is an offer from the Federal Government for **everyone who celebrates their 18th birthday in 2023**.

They receive **a budget of 200 euros** from their **18th birthday**. They can use this money for tickets, books, CDs, records and much more. This makes it even easier to experience culture locally.

To use the KulturPass you need the KulturPass app. Online registration is also necessary!

One of the **following** three **documents** is required

- Identity card with online ID function (for German citizens) or
- eID card (for EU citizens) or
- Electronic residence permit (for non-EU citizens residing in Germany)

⇒ **Further information can be found on the KulturPass website.**

Kulturrucksack District of Hörter

⇒ **Here you can find information on the Kulturrucksack (an offer for all children from 10 to 14 years).**

Families

Offers for families

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Family compass

This information platform is the central point with helpful offers for families with children in the Höxter district. From having children to starting a career.

⇒ [To the Familinekompass website](#)

You can also find current offers ⇒ [under Events](#)

Family portal

⇒ [Here you will find information about the family.](#) The information is available in different languages.

(The family portal was created by the Federal Ministry for Families, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth)

Family hikes in the Höxter district

- for families with children from 0-8 years and pregnant women -

Discover the forest together and experience adventures! Always from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. Free of charge & outdoors. Please always remember to bring drinks and a picnic.

Parents are responsible for supervision. Older siblings are of course welcome.

The early help ("Frühe Hilfen") team and "kinderstark" will be there. They will answer questions from pregnancy to starting primary school. There are great hands-on activities for the kids.

Dates:

Sunday, 14.09.2025 in Hardehausen: We walk the bison trail together. There are many interactive and discovery stations along the way. Let's discover the wild animals and the forest. **Please note:** The programme is particularly suitable for younger children. **Meeting point:** in front of the Café am Hammerhof, Hardehausen.

⇒ [To the registration for the hikes](#)

⇒ [Further information](#)

Digital offers for families

The district of Höxter offers **digital lectures on various topics**. Always from **7.30 to 8.30 pm**.

⇒ [Registration](#) (possible 2 days before the event))

⇒ [Further information](#)

Course offer of the Adult Education Centres = Volkshochschulen (VHS)

The **VHS** offer courses for children and parents on a regular basis.

VHS in Bad Driburg, Brakel, Nieheim und Steinheim

♦ The current courses for children and families in you can find ⇒ [here](#)

Familienbildungsstätte (Family Education Centre)

The **Catholic Centre for Adult and Family Education** (kefb) also offers courses for parents and their children.

Everyone can play and sing together and parents can exchange information on education, everyday life and much more.

⇒ [to the website](#)

Family Center in the Höxter district

⇒ [Click here to go to the Family Centers page](#)

Marriage and relationships

Equality of women and men

Men and women have equal rights. Equal rights for men and women is **set down in the constitution** (GG Art 3) ! Regardless of whether they are a man or a woman, everyone has the **same right** to attend **school**, to learn a trade or **profession, to study or to go out to work**. Women and men also have the same standing in everyday life. A **woman** can make her **own decisions**, have a **regular job** and play an **active role in society**.

Marriage

Couples often live together in Germany **without being married**. **Everyone here can decide for themselves** whether, when and whom they marry. It is not allowed to force someone to marry against their will.

Marriage ceremonies in Germany take place **at the registry office (=Standesamt)**.

Marriage ceremonies which are only conducted by a priest or an imam are not legally valid in Germany. The couple to be married must both **be present in person** at the registry office ceremony, and **at least eighteen years old**.

Divorce

Either partner can file for divorce if the marriage no longer works, and the partners have been **separated for at least one year**. **The Family Court** is the court of jurisdiction for divorce, and decides who the children are to live with after the separation, and who is allowed to continue living in the family home.

Homosexuality

Homosexual couples are also allowed to get married in Germany. Marriage partnerships are allowed between **men and women**, between **a man and another man**, and between a **woman and another woman**.

Homosexuality is allowed in Germany, and is very widely accepted. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex people (LSBTI) people are **allowed to live in freedom**.

⇒ [More information about LGBTI](#)

Protection against Violence

In a marriage, it is forbidden for either partner to insult, swear or hit at the other partner. The **police** can **only** be called in an **emergency**, and can then come to the aid of a victim of violence inflicted by the other partner. If there are **problems in a marriage or in a family**, a marriage guidance counsellor or family counsellor can provide help.

Support and Counselling can be found here:

⇒ [Women's counseling centers in the district of Höxter](#)

⇒ [Family and life counselling in the district of Höxter](#)

Parental Custody for Children of Both Partners

For children of both marriage partners, **the parents have joint legal custody**. All important decisions must be taken jointly by the parents.

Children have the right to an upbringing free from violence, to good health and to education. If children's rights are violated, the **Youth Welfare Office and the Family Courts** intervene, and decide upon the right of custody.

Family benefits

Parental leave

Parental leave

General information

Every parent is entitled to parental leave for childcare and education. This applies to children up to the **age of 3**.

Parental leave is an entitlement of the employee vis-à-vis the employer.

The employment relationship is suspended during parental leave. You therefore do not go to work. After parental leave, you can return to work.

Here are the most important rules:

Joint parental leave

Both parents can take up to **3 years of parental leave** at the same time.

Flexible 24 months

A transfer of a maximum of 24 months to the period between the child's 3rd and 8th birthday is possible. The employer's consent is not required.

Application

There is no application for parental leave. You register your parental leave with your employer in writing and with a signature.

⇒ **Here you can find a [sample form for notifying your employer of parental leave \(pdf\)](#)**

The **notification period** for parental leave (up to the age of 3) is **7 weeks**.

The **notification period** for parental leave between the 3rd and 8th birthday is **13 weeks**.

Parental leave can be divided into **3 periods** for each parent. Further periods can be agreed with the employer's consent.

Protection against dismissal during parental leave

Once parental leave has been registered, the employer may not terminate the employment relationship.

Parental allowance and child benefit

Parental allowance


Parental allowance is a compensation for previous income. You receive parental allowance if you work less or not at all after the birth. You then have more time to look after your child in the first few months. Even if you had no income before the birth, you can still receive parental allowance.

If you are not from an EU country, you must have a **valid residence permit**. The parental allowance office will check whether you can receive parental allowance.

There are three types of parental allowance: Basic Parental Allowance, Parental Allowance Plus and Partnership Bonus.

Further information and application:

 **Parental allowance office of the district** Höxter  Moltkestr.12, 37671 Höxter, @ elterngeld@kreis-hoexter.de

 **www.familienportal.nrw/elterngeld** On the family portal you will find the **application as a PDF and the online application**. To submit the application online, you

need a BundID account. "Username and password" is sufficient. All you need is a valid e-mail address.

 **Website of the federal family portal** (in different languages).

Child benefit

All parents with a **residence permit** are **entitled to child benefit**. You must **apply for** child benefit yourself at the **family benefits office**. This pays out child benefit for every child from birth until **the age of 18**.

For the first two children, you will receive **219 euros per month per child**. For the third child you will receive 225 euros and for each additional child 250 euros.

Responsible family benefits office:

Federal Employment Agency, Detmold Family Benefits Office

 Braunenbrucher Weg 18, 32758 Detmold

 02318422286 oder [+49 \(0\) 8004555530](tel:+4955555530)

 [@Familienkasse-Nordrhein-Westfalen-Ost@arbeitsagen...](mailto:Familienkasse-Nordrhein-Westfalen-Ost@arbeitsagentur.de)

Further information and application:

 **Website of BAMF** (brochure in German, English, Turkish and Russian)

 You can find the **online application form** at www.familienkasse.de.

 **Website of the federal family portal** (in various languages)

Unaccompanied minor refugees

Unaccompanied minor refugees

Refugees **under 18 years** of age who have come to Germany without any guardians are called unaccompanied minor refugees (unbegleitete minderjährige Ausländer = **umA**).

These young people are registered with the **Youth Welfare Office**. The Youth Welfare Office speaks to them and **establishes their age**. The decision on how old the child is determines whether the Youth Welfare Office will take care of the underage person (younger than 18) and place them in special **accommodation for young people** ("custody").

If the Youth Welfare Office thinks the person is an **adult** (over age 18), the person will receive a **notice of refusal** and be treated as an adult. The Youth Welfare Office will bring an interpreter to the appointment.

If your **arrival certificate** says that you are **under 18** but the Youth Welfare Office gives you a notice of refusal, the Youth Welfare Office will have to **enter a different date of birth** on the decision. Only then can you have your documents updated at the Immigration Office and at the Social Welfare Office.

Some **minors** (persons under the age of 18) come in to the country **without their parents**, but with relatives (for example with an uncle or aunt, with cousins or with older siblings). The administration office at your accommodation centre will tell the Youth Welfare Office about this after your arrival. The **Youth Welfare Office** talks to the minor and the adult relatives and **checks** whether the minors can stay there.

In addition, the Youth Welfare Office will decide whether to appoint a official **guardian**. The Youth Welfare Office will provide an interpreter for the appointment.

Adult relatives can also go to the **Family Court** to apply to be the **child's official guardian**.

What does guardianship and guardian mean?

Guardianship gives a person **full responsibility for the minor in place of the parents**. This person is then the **official guardian** of the minor.

Youth migration service AWO district association Paderborn e.V.

Counselling for young migrants aged 12 - 27 years.

The **consultations** are **free of charge!** We are subject to the **obligation of secrecy**.

If you have questions about the following topics, please feel free to contact us:

- Learning the German language
- School and training
- job and occupation
- Stay in Germany
- Financial benefits
- Leisure activities

Contact:

Claudia Horster

☎05251 274 05

☎0162 244 437 3

@c.horster@awo-paderborn.de

To the Homepage ⇒ www.awo-paderborn.de

Consulting in Höxter

AWO Familienstützpunkt

📍 [Gartenstraße 7, 37671 Höxter](#)

Consulting in Bad Driburg

AWO-office

📍 [Caspar-Heinrich-Str. 7, 33014 Bad Driburg](#)

Counselling centres and support services

Counseling and help services

Children and families are under special protection in Germany.

This protection begins **during pregnancy** and continues **until the child is 18 years old** (= of legal age).

Every child has to go to school.

In Germany it is forbidden to beat children. Also, violence in marriage is prohibited. There are **authorities** who make sure that a child does not suffer harm from his environment (including the family).

You are not alone with your questions, worries and problems. There are various **counseling centers** in the district Höxter.

Counselling for women

[Family and life counselling](#)

Jugendamt Höxter (= The Youth Welfare Office)

Moltkestr.12, 37671 Höxter

⇒ [To the Website](#)

The Youth Welfare Office (Jugendamt) has the function to provide **help and support for children, young people and families.**

Its responsibilities include:

- **Day care for children** in a day care centre (Kindergarten) or with child minders
- Providing **support for families** when they need help
- **Protecting children** when there are problems in the family

Ensuring the **well-being and safety of children** is an important function of the Youth Welfare Office.

Committing acts of violence against children is against the law. If it is suspected that a child is being neglected or mistreated, in serious cases the Youth Welfare Office may even remove the child from the family for its own safety.

After your child is born, a few weeks later the **Youth Welfare Office** will **contact you to arrange an appointment** for a welfare worker to **visit you at home**, and get to know you. He or she will give you a folder full of useful information and **services for your child and you family**.

If you need support or help in bringing up your child, you can get in touch with the Youth Welfare Office or an Advice Centre (Beratungsstelle).

General Social Service (ASD)

General Social Service (=ASD)

The ASD of the district of Höxter offers help and advice in all matters of upbringing, care and support.

Its task is to support young people in their development, to support parents in their right to care for and bring up their children, to take action to protect children and young people and to provide information and advice on social matters.

Important services for families are:

- Counselling and care for children, young people and adults
- Intensive outpatient socio-educational family assistance
- participation in court proceedings in cases of separation and divorce
- Temporary protective measures, such as taking children and adolescents into care and emergency admissions
- Placement of children and adolescents, e.g. in residential institutions, foster families and residential groups

Further services:

- Foster child service, full-time care
- Day care, weekly care
- Care measures in day groups, school afternoon groups and other afternoon offers
- Counselling and information for single parents
- Support with placement in day care centres
- Cooperation with institutions such as schools, day care centres, police, courts, child and youth psychiatry etc.

Outpatient and semi-inpatient flexible educational support such as:

- Social-pedagogical family support, educational assistance, social group work are carried out in the district of Höxter by the staff of the independent youth welfare organisations; these include the Arbeiterwohlfahrt (AWO), Caritas, Diakonisches Werk and the Paritätische Wohlfahrtsverband.

- Partial inpatient help (day groups) is offered by the AWO (Family Pedagogical Centre in Steinheim) and the Petrus Damian Youth Village (Warburg).

Counselling by the socio-educational professionals is free of charge and confidential.

Who can contact the ASD?

The ASD advises **children, adolescents and young adults** up to the age of 21 if ...

- they need advice and support
- they have problems at home or where they live
- they have difficulties at school and/or with friends
- they want to change their current life situation and need help in doing so
- they are exposed to physical, psychological, sexual or other forms of violence
- they are being threatened and need protection
- they are in conflict with the law
- The ASD advises mothers and fathers when ...
- they have problems with their upbringing
- they feel overwhelmed by their situation
- they have questions about finding suitable care for their children
- the children are unprovided for in emergency situations
- there are problems at school
- they need advice and support in partnership issues
- they are in separation or divorce situations
- they have questions about custody and access arrangements
- their children are in conflict with the law

Contact consulting ASD:

Höxter, Beverungen und Marienmünster

📍 [Corveyer Allee 5, 37671 Höxter](#)

☎ [052719653306](tel:052719653306)

@ asd-hoexter@kreis-hoexter.de

Warburg, Borgentreich and Willebadessen

📍 [Bahnhofstr. 26, 34414 Warburg](#)

☎ [0564178993361](tel:0564178993361)

@ asd-warburg@kreis-hoexter.de

Brakel, Bad Driburg, Nieheim und Steinheim

📍 [Westmauer 3, 33034 Brakel](#)

☎ [0527237313010](tel:0527237313010)

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Children's rights

Violence against children is prohibited in Germany. The welfare and protection of the child are important tasks of the Youth Welfare Office. If there is a suspicion that children are being neglected or abused, the Youth Welfare Office can even take the child out of the family to protect it.

Children's rights

As a child, you need special protection. That's why you have special rights. These rights are established in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. This Convention was passed by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1989.

The **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child** is divided into **four sections**: the right to life and personal development, equal treatment, their wellbeing, and to be involved. In detail, that means:

- Every child has the right to everything they need to live. This includes food, drink and medical treatment.
- Children also have the right to go to school, and the right to play and have free time.
- All girls and boys have the same rights, and no child should be treated worse than other children.
- Every child has the right to grow up in a healthy environment where they are cared for and protected from violence.
- Every child has the right to live with their parents, or, if their parents live separately, to have contact with both parents.
- All girls and boys have the right to form and stand up for their own opinions.

You can find a declaration of the **10 most important children's rights** here:

1. The right to equality
2. The right to protection in war and flight
3. The right to health
4. The right to an upbringing free from violence
5. The right to parental care
6. The right to care in the event of disability
7. The right to education
8. The right to freedom of expression and participation
9. The right to play and leisure
10. The right to protection from economic and sexual exploitation

Are you experiencing violence? Then the Youth Welfare Office ([Jugendamt](#)) can give you advice.

Holiday programmes in the district of Höxter

Holiday programme

Most **⇒ youth centres** have a holiday programme. **Registration** is necessary for most of the holiday programmes. Some programmes cost money, some are free. If you receive social benefits, you can apply for money for the leisure activities through the **⇒ Education and Participation Package (BuT)**. It will be checked whether you meet the requirements.

In the summer holidays, there is a special holiday programme for children and young people in many places. The programme includes creative activities, sports activities, excursions, community activities and much more:

Bad Driburg

In Bad Driburg there are some adventure offers. An overview of the offers can be found on the **⇒ website of the city Bad Driburg.**

Beverungen

In Beverungen, the Kinderschutzbund organises the **Ferien(s)pass programme**. Further information and contact can be found on the **⇒ city website Beverungen**

Brakel

An overview of the **numerous holiday offers** in Brakel can be found in the **holiday and guest programme**. You can download the programme and the registration form from the **⇒ city website Brakel.**

Borgentreich

You can find an **overview of the holiday offers** in Borgentreich on the **city's website Borgentreich.**

Höxter

In Höxter and the surrounding area there are many offers with the Ferien(s)pass. **An overview of the holiday programme** in Höxter und Boffzen can be found here **⇒ Ferien(s)pass Höxter / Boffzen.**

Marienmünster

You can find an overview of the holiday **offers** in Marienmünster in this PDF **⇒ Ferienprogramm 2024 (pdf)** and on the **⇒ website of the city Marienmünster**

Nieheim und Steinheim

In Nieheim and Steinheim there are holiday offers with the Ferien **(s)** pass. The holiday pass can be purchased by all children and young people between the **ages of 4 and 13**. An overview of the offers can be found **⇒ on the website of the city of Steinheim.**

Warburg

An overview of the numerous holiday offers in Warburg can be found on the [⇒ homepage of the town Warburg.](#) You can also download the **programme booklet** here.

Do you need help with registration?

[⇒ Here you can find volunteer help circles for each city.](#)

Or ask the social worker in your town [⇒ Contacts to counselling centres](#)