

## “STUFAZ” – THE STUDENT FAMILY CENTER

In the winter semester of 2019/20 a new Student Family Center (Studentisches Familienzentrum) will open in Leipzig, called StuFaz in short. StuFaz is a meeting place, a place for counselling and events as well as a point of contact and a networking place for (future) student parents who are enrolled at one of Leipzig's eight universities and academies. There, our social counselling service is offering various information events, workshops and counselling services for student parents whose children are not yet in childcare. Additionally, at StuFaz students and their little ones will have a place to play, relax, meet and study. Student parents are welcome to bring along their children; however, we do not offer childcare – but all events offered are designed to enable you to bring your children with you. For more detailed information regarding our program and opening hours, please, refer to our website under [www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/stufaz](http://www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/stufaz) or to our Facebook group “Studium mit Kind Leipzig”.

## OFFERS FOR CHILDCARE

Studentenwerk Leipzig is offering various childcare facilities for children of students residing in Leipzig.

### Studentenwerk Leipzig daycare center

„Villa Unifratz“

Bornaische Straße 138, 04279 Leipzig

### Kindergarten „Am Gutenbergplatz“

Sponsor: FRÖBEL Bildung und Erziehung gGmbH

Am Gutenbergplatz 4a, 04103 Leipzig

### Integrated kindergarten „EinSteinchen“

Sponsor: FRÖBEL Bildung und Erziehung gGmbH

Brüderstraße 14-24, 04103 Leipzig

Registration for those daycare centers is made with the respective daycare center management. You will find further information under:

[www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/en/childcare-facilities](http://www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/en/childcare-facilities)

If you would like to look for other childcare places or if you have any questions regarding financing of a childcare place, please contact the social counselling office of Studentenwerk Leipzig.

## FURTHER OFFERS

### Studentenwerk Leipzig “Kinderladen”

Our “Kinderladen” offers by-the-hour care for children limited to one semester and three days per week, four hours per day. It is absolutely mandatory to sign up in advance. For further information and instructions for enrollment, please, go to our website.

Mensa am Park (Canteen at the park) (upper floor)

Universitätsstraße 5, 04109 Leipzig



## FAMILY BREAKFAST IN KOOPERATION WITH LEIPZIG UNIVERSITY

Once per semester there is a family breakfast taking place at the Mensa am Park (canteen at the park). Students with child(ren) studying at **any** of Leipzig's universities and academies are cordially invited to attend. This breakfast offers parents the opportunity to exchange views and experiences with various advisors about any questions and issues studying with child(ren) might entail, in an informal setting. In addition, there is a flea market as well as a surprise program for the little ones. For the parents amongst themselves, the family breakfast also offers a good opportunity to get to know each other better and to network. We will announce the dates for family breakfast on our website and on Facebook.

## STUDYING WITH CHILD(REN)



## INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

Getting pregnant or becoming a father during your studies changes your living situation profoundly. The strain from studying and from restructuring their family is a new and often difficult situation for future mothers or fathers-to-be. Starting studies while already having a child poses a special challenge as well. However, with some outside support, a lot of commitment and good organization, studying and a child can be combined quite well with one another. The social counselling service provided by Studentenwerk Leipzig will support you in doing so! This service is offering free-of-charge, comprehensive counselling and assistance to all students of Leipzig's universities and academies regarding the subject of "studying with child(ren)". In this respect, study-related organizational and financial questions are the main focus. Together, you will develop problem-solving strategies and carefully examine financing for your family, and, if necessary, also discuss different possibilities of applying for financial support. Furthermore, the social counselling service will clarify competences of the various authorities and alert to deadlines.

## BAFÖG FOR STUDENTS WITH CHILD(REN)

For your own children up to 14 years of age, an additional childcare allowance of 140 € per child per month will be paid upon application as a subsidy. In autumn 2020, this allowance will rise to 150 €. Before, only children up to the age of 10 were included. This improves the chances to be granted BAFÖG, especially if the parent's income without their own child was just above the BAFÖG limit. Said childcare allowance will always be paid as a full subsidy and thus doesn't have to be paid back at the end of your studies. You can also apply for an extension of the support period if there are any delays to your studies due to pregnancy/parenting. It is therefore well worth the effort of filing an application. Please don't hesitate to contact the Department for Grants (BAFÖG-Amt) for advice and counselling.

Due to the large number of different legal provisions, our social counselling department recommends international students to make an individual counselling appointment before applying for BAFÖG or any other social benefits.

## LIVING WITH CHILD(REN)

Studentenwerk Leipzig offers various attractive housing options for students in Leipzig. Student parents, no matter if mothers, fathers or couples with child(ren) (in that case, both parents must be enrolled), are very welcome to come and live in our halls of residence.

In the south of Leipzig and in the east near Leipzig's city center, Studentenwerk Leipzig runs three halls of residence which are particularly well suited for single student mothers or fathers and their child(ren):

### Hall of residence Am Gutenbergplatz 4

near the city center, new two-room apartments; nursery school and kindergarten situated directly at the hall of residence

### Halls of residence Bornaische Str. 138 and 138b

Lively shared parent-child(ren) flats where each room also includes a children's room; familial atmosphere in the green south of Leipzig; kindergarten situated directly at the housing complex.

Student parents with child(ren) can – depending on available vacancies – rent an apartment with two rooms. If you are interested, please contact the person responsible for the respective hall of residence:

[www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/en/living-children](http://www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/en/living-children)

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to: [wohnen@studentenwerk-leipzig.de](mailto:wohnen@studentenwerk-leipzig.de).

## INFORMATIVE EVENTS FOR PARENTS-TO-BE

In addition to counselling during office hours, informative events for parents-to-be on the subject of "Expecting a baby – what to do next!?" are offered at regular intervals. Those evening counselling sessions are open to all students of Leipzig's universities and academies; their partners are, of course, welcome to join. Current event dates, instructions for signing up and other information around the subject of "Studying with child(ren)" can be found here: [www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/en/counselling-social-issues/studying-with-children](http://www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/en/counselling-social-issues/studying-with-children)

Due to the large number of different legal provisions, our social counselling department recommends international students who are pregnant to make an individual counselling appointment.

## CHILDREN AT STUDENT RESTAURANTS AND CAFETERIAS

In its student restaurants and cafeterias, Studentenwerk Leipzig also sets high value on child friendliness. At almost all facilities, children's play corners, changing tables and highchairs are available. In addition to that, you can also heat baby and infant food in microwaves specifically meant for that purpose. Studentenwerk Leipzig supports students with child(ren) by means of the Mensa children's card. This card entitles children of students of all of Leipzig's universities, starting from their first birthday until they reach the age of 10, to receive one free warm meal per day and per child at the student restaurants run by Studentenwerk Leipzig. You can get your Mensa children's card at the social counselling office, or you can send the application together with all necessary documents by mail. Further information and the application form for a Mensa children's card can be found online under:

[www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/en/counselling-social-issues/studying-with-children](http://www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/en/counselling-social-issues/studying-with-children)



### Always stay up to date:

Our Facebook group "Studium mit Kind Leipzig" provides you with all the current information regarding events and special offers as well as an opportunity to exchange views and experiences with other (future) student parents.



## KONTAKT

### Studentenwerk Leipzig Social Counselling

#### Counselling centers

##### Headquarter:

**Student Family Center (StuFaz)**

Nürnberger Straße 42 / 04103 Leipzig

##### Further locations:

**Center for Social Services (CSS)**

Gutenbergplatz 4 / 04103 Leipzig

**Studenten Service Zentrum (SSZ)**

Goethestraße 6 / 04109 Leipzig

#### Office hours

We are offering open office hours as well as counselling by appointment for all students of Leipzig's universities and academies. We recommend students with child(ren) to make an appointment, so that there is enough time to provide you with all the important information. Current office hours and the online booking calendar for making an appointment can be found on our website.

[www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/en/counselling-social-issues/social-counselling](http://www.studentenwerk-leipzig.de/en/counselling-social-issues/social-counselling)  
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