

# Early childhood

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## WHO?

All children from birth to the age of 5 (before they start compulsory schooling) and their families.

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## WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?

The period from birth to 5 years is fundamental to children's educational and social integration. The aim of the help provided under the AIS (Swiss Integration Scheme) early childhood programme is to:

- offer your child aged between birth and 5 the best chances of educational success,
  - support you in your child's education during this crucial stage for development and social integration.
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## HELP AVAILABLE

### 1 Presentation of the scheme

You will receive an invitation to attend a presentation about this scheme

### 2 Family interviews

Staff will meet you as a family and will then help you find out about places and establishments offering services and activities for parents of children aged from birth to 5 in the district.

If you move within the Canton of Geneva, these staff will tell you about the options available in your new district.

### 3 Meeting places and activity centres for children aged from birth to 5 and their families

You will receive information on the various meeting places and activity centres which you and your children can attend: adult/child meetings, toy libraries, libraries and shows.

### 4 Help at home

Where a need is identified, staff can come to your home to provide support and answer your questions.

### 5 Crèches, nurseries or kindergartens

Your child can attend early childhood establishments part-time during the first year before they start compulsory schooling.

## GOOD TO KNOW

The staff providing you with support will be assisted where necessary by interpreters speaking your language.

You can at any time contact your family support worker if you need advice or support with any step relating to your child.