

**WHO WE ARE**

Lebenshilfe Leverkusen is an association of parents, family members and friends of people with intellectual disabilities.

Founded in 1961, we actively and passionately represent their interests. Lebenshilfe Leverkusen operates a range of facilities and services supporting people with disabilities.

**WHERE WE WORK**

Early educational programmes take place at our early intervention centres, in the home environment, or in nursery settings.

We provide physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy either at our partners' practices or at our own intervention centres.



**FIND  
OUT MORE!**

**An initial consultation does not require a referral from your paediatrician. Please feel free to contact us.**

**YOUR CONTACTS**

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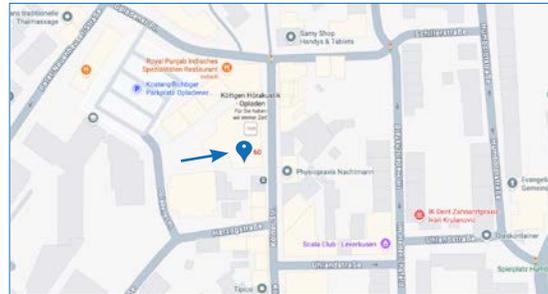
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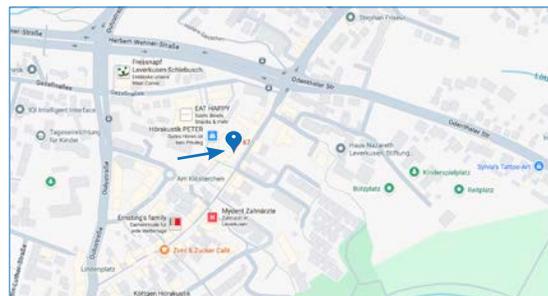
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**Interdisciplinary  
Early Intervention  
for Children  
at Lebenshilfe Leverkusen**



# Interdisciplinary Early Intervention (IEI)

## EARLY SUPPORT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE SUPPORT

Dear parents,

For your child's future and for successfully meeting developmental challenges in nursery and school, it is crucial to recognise developmental difficulties early and provide timely support.

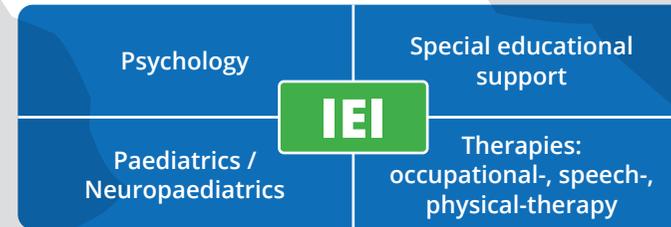
## IF YOUR CHILD...

- develops noticeably more slowly or differently than other children of the same age,
- was born prematurely,
- has a medical condition associated with an increased risk of developmental delay,
- has a physical or intellectual disability,
- finds it difficult to concentrate, is particularly restless, and shows little persistence in play,
- behaves differently from other children of the same age, for example by withdrawing at nursery or being frequently sad or aggressive,
- speaks very little, unclearly, or not at all,
- lacks confidence or gives up easily,
- appears insecure in movement,

...we are here to support you and your child from birth until they start school.

# Working together with parents

Our team brings together professionals from different disciplines:



Within the team and in close collaboration with you as parents, we exchange information regularly to coordinate support and therapy. Parental guidance is an essential part of our work.

We are experts in child development, and parents are the experts on their own child – because they know them best.



# Supporting strengths and development

*„Grass does not grow faster if you pull on it.“*

That is true – and yet it grows better when it is regularly nourished with sunshine and water.

This is how we understand support and therapy: We look at the child with care and respect, recognise their strengths and potential, and meet them exactly where they are in their development.

## ENABLING PARTICIPATION

Together, we assess whether your child needs support and what kind of support is appropriate. The initial assessment requires a referral from your paediatrician. The costs of support and therapy are covered by the Landschaftsverband Rheinland (LVR) and your statutory health insurance provider.

## There are no costs for you as parents.

Your child may receive interdisciplinary early intervention as part of a combined service, together with one or more therapies.

If your child does not require therapeutic treatment, or if you prefer to continue therapy with an external practice, we can also provide early educational support as a stand-alone service.