# Intercultural parent mentors

A support for parents and educational institutions



## Who are intercultural parent mentors?

#### Parent Mentors ...

- are volunteers who are committed to good cooperation between parents and educational institutions.
- are neutral and confidential contact persons for parents, educators and teachers.
- create understanding and can help to enable or improve communication.
- are familiar with the perspective and role of parents.
- are qualified persons from the non-profit parent foundation Baden-Württemberg.





# What languages do intercultural parent mentors speak?

In Baden-Baden, intercultural parent mentors support the newly immigrated families with the following language skills, among others: Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Bulgarian, English, French, Italian, Kurdish, Russian, Spanish, Turkish, Tigrinya, Ukrainian.

Wir sind gerne für Sie da! We are happy to support you! Siamo a Vostra disposizione! Sizin için memnuniyetle buradayiz Мы к вашим услугам Nous sommes ravis de vous aider! Sizin için burada olmaktan mutluyuz! Ми раді бути поруч з вами! ንምትሕብባርኩም ብልቢ ድሉዋት ኢና



## What exactly do parent mentors do?

#### Parent Mentors ...

- are available as mediators to parents seeking help and educational institutions.
- provide information about the German school system and its types of school (e.g. transition to secondary schools).
- help with language difficulties.
- accompany conversations between parents, educators and teachers, eg in the event of conflicts.
- listen and help with worries.
- establish contact with families from different cultures.
- are mediators between kindergarten / schools and parents if necessary.
- treat all topics with the utmost confidentiality.
- can implement initiatives such as information evenings, parent cafés etc. that strengthen parental involvement at school, kindergarten, day care center, in the club etc.

Intercultural parent mentors in Baden-Baden with the education coordinator (far left) and the speaker of the parent foundation (3rd from right).



## Who can address parent mentors?

- All parents who want support
- Teachers, educators and headmasters
- School social workers
- Consultants, other people, institutions and facilities that work outside of school with families with a migrant background.

Of course we will treat your request confidentially!



## How you contact parent mentors

The educational coordinator for voluntary work is responsible for the coordination and networking.

### **Contact details**

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