

Child Welfare

Nursery Centers

Nursery centers are facilities that provide care for children between approximately 6 months old and preschool age whose parents or guardians cannot take care of the children at home during the day because they are working or ill. Nursery fees are, in principle, calculated according to the amount of guardian's municipal tax. The applications for entry to the nursery centers should be made with the Nursery Schools Admission Division. Applications can be made after completing a registration of birth. (excludes admission from December-April 1) The closing day is different according to the date of the admission one requests so for details, please inquire to the Nursery Schools Admission Division. The closing dates are especially early for the child's admission from December to April 1. (These closing dates will be announced on Nishinomiya City News, etc.)

Enquiries: Nishinomiya City Hall, Nursery Schools Admission Division (Hoiku Nyuusho Ka)
0798-35-3160

Besides the licensed child-care facilities for which applications are made at the Nursery Schools Admission Division, there are also child-care facilities without authorization. Nursery fees and entrance are decided between each facility and the guardian.

Child Guidance Center [*Jido sodan sho*] (Naming may vary depending on the district)

The Child Guidance Center provides guidance and counseling on child-abuse, etc. children with mental and physical handicaps and general children's problems.

The centers also provide counseling and guidance on reports, or notification of cases from Welfare Offices (naming may vary depending on the district) or relevant bodies and their officers will go to meet guardians directly or offer counseling over the telephone.

Enquiries: Hyogo Prefecture, Nishinomiya Children & Family Center 0798-71-4670
(Hyogo-ken Nishinomiya Kodomo Katei Center)
Nishinomiya, Aoki-cho 3-23

Mother and child support facilities [*Boshi seikatsu shien shisetsu*]

Mother and child support facilities accept mothers with children under 18 years of age who for various reasons cannot properly care for their children. These are child welfare facilities.

Enquiries: Nishinomiya City Hall. Family with Children Support Division 0798-35-3166
(Nishinomiya Kodomo Katei Sien Ka)

Midwifery facilities [*Josan shisetsu*]

There are designated facilities available for pregnant women who find it difficult to pay the costs involved in childbirth. Conditions such as income limit, etc. exist for the use of these facilities.

Enquiries: Nishinomiya City Hall. Family with Children Support Division 0798-35-3166
(Nishinomiya Kodomo Katei Shien Ka)

Child allowance [*Jido teate*]

Financial support is available for families bringing up children until the first March 31 after reaching the age of 15. The allowance amount is limited by the income of the family.

Enquiries: Nishinomiya City Hall, Child Allowance Division 0798-35-3189

Child support allowance [*Jido fuyo teate*]

Allowances are available to mothers or fathers or their substitute who supervise and are guardians of children until 31 March first fiscal year after they have reached 18 years old who have lost their father or mother through death or divorce or whose father or mother is severely mentally or physically handicapped (if the child has a medium-level or higher physical or mental handicap, the child's age limit is under 20 years old). There are income conditions.

Enquiries: Nishinomiya City Hall. Child Allowance Division 0798-35-3190

Special child support allowance [*Tokubetsu jido fuyo teate*]

Allowances are available to the mothers or fathers or their substitute who care for children under 20 years old who have a medium-level or higher physical or mental handicap. There are conditions attached related to income.

Enquiries: Nishinomiya City Hall. Child Allowance Division 0798-35-3189

Note For details, ask a person who understands Japanese to enquire for you.