



## Care Coordination for Children and Teens in Acute Need of Assistance

Special challenges that arise when living with children, teens, and young adults in need of constant, comprehensive care can turn your home life completely upside down.

"We will always work with you to find a way to stabilize your care situation when life throws you a curveball."

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## Who VK KiJu supports ...

Children, teens, and young adults up to 27 years of age who live at home with their families

- who are currently or "imminently" in need of special care that requires the coordination of a variety of complex tasks
- who require the assistance of several different care professionals
- who find themselves in situations of extreme stress or acute need that affect the child's ability to receive proper healthcare, nursing, and therapy.

## VK KiJu helps to ...

- establish a personal care network
- stabilize the child or young adult's existing care network
- get the child or young adult connected with the necessary support systems
- offer relief by facilitating aid and support
- provide assistance in matters of social law

"Finding qualified care should not be a matter of luck or happenstance."

## Who we are

We are an interdisciplinary team of experienced specialists in the fields of nursing, social pedagogy, special education, and social work with additional qualifications in case management. We work with various sponsors throughout the entire city and state of Berlin.

## How to reach us

You can ask your doctor, contact persons in integration assistance, or counselors at city care centers about the services we offer, and request that they put you in contact with us.

Your professional contact person will have you fill out a screening form and arrange for you to be directed to the VK KiJu center.

If you still have any questions after talking to your trusted contact person, you can always ask us directly.

## VK KiJu – service above and beyond

Providing care for your child requires a network of support that can include personal nurses, therapists, medical services, and more, all focused on providing life-sustaining care, therapy, and healing. This demands quite a lot in terms of time, personnel, and resources. There are so many questions relating to medical issues and matters of constant, comprehensive care, and it takes experience to be able to properly assess the need for assistance. The support system offered by the city of Berlin is quite comprehensive, but if the care your child needs requires a very particular set of skills, VK KiJu can be called upon to provide assistance in addition to the services that are ordinarily available.

This includes times when:

- your child's medical condition or your family situation has changed
- you're no longer receiving the assistance you were or a new need has arisen
- it's difficult for your child to go to daycare or attend school
- the care your child receives requires some change or adjustment
- you child will soon be transitioning from pediatric healthcare to adult healthcare

## VK KiJu – a pilot project

VK KiJu is a pilot project being conducted by the Senate of Berlin to explore the possibility of providing specialized care coordination for families that have children, teens, or young adults in need of constant, comprehensive care. VK KiJu is intended to supplement the existing services offered by the city's youth welfare offices (Department of Integration Assistance for Children and Adolescents) and care centers. This means that VK KiJu becomes involved after the family has already availed themselves of the other services, ultimately redirecting them back to the proper services.

## More information on the pilot project

MenschenKind – Fachstelle für die Versorgung chronisch kranker und pflegebedürftiger Kinder

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