SUPPORT FOR SCIENTISTS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WITH FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES DURING THE COVID19 PANDEMIC

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The University of Konstanz has set up a fund as a support measure for compatibility, which can either be used to subsidize private childcare during emergency operation or the closure of childcare facilities as a result of the Corona pandemic or, alternatively, to finance auxiliary staff to support online teaching. This support is aimed at academics who have to prepare and offer online teaching for the summer semester and at the same time have to look after small children, as well as at students who attend courses and have to provide small childcare. The special situation of single parents/living alone and with several children is taken into account.

Private childcare

If you need private care...

1. for children under the age of twelve, or
2. for children with disabilities, or
3. for a person in need of care (since, for example, accommodation in day care is no longer possible)

...you can apply for a contribution to the additional costs from the Equal Opportunity Office.

Parents’ fees for the Konstanz childcare facilities will not be charged for the month of April 2020, not even at the University’s Kinderhaus. If private care by babysitters or a carer incurs higher costs than the usual monthly fees, a subsidy for these higher costs can be applied for:

- The subsidy is usually limited to 500 euros per applicant per month.
- In the case of single parents, disabled children, more than two children in the family and care for a relative, the allowance is usually limited to 1,000 euros per applicant.
- Applications can currently be submitted for the months of April and May.
- The amount of care may not exceed 15 hours per week.

The application should be sent by e-mail to tanja.edelhaeusser@uni-konstanz.de and must contain the following information:

- as subject "Additional childcare costs".
- Name and dates of birth of the child/children or person in need of care
- Information on your own work area (e.g. subject area, working group, department)
- Justification of the need for care and why it is not possible to care for the children or person in need of care in another way
- the concrete period of childcare needed
- Amount of the daycare/aftercare/daycare contribution saved for April and May 2020
- Amount of the estimated total costs for childcare/care for dependents

According to information from the Youth Welfare Office of the City of Constance, private childcare in accordance with the provisions of the Infection Protection Act is currently possible.
Resources for student assistants

Alternatively, the financing of a student or research assistant to support the creation and implementation of the online teaching with up to 35 hours can be applied for. In this case, the family situation must be described and the necessary support by an assistant must be justified.

For further information please contact Tanja Edelhäußer (tanja.edelhauesser@uni-konstanz.de).