

# Get support in enforcing a child's permanent placement with caregivers

PiB - Pflegekinder in Bremen gemeinnützige GmbH can support foster parents if a child is to live permanently in a foster family because conditions in the family of origin are not improving in the long term.

## Competent Department

- [PiB- Pflegekinder in Bremen gemeinnützige GmbH](#)

## Basic information

If the living conditions in a foster child's original family do not improve in the long term, he or she can be placed in the foster family permanently. If the parents do not agree, the family court can order the child to remain in the foster family. Foster carers can be supported in this way.

In Bremen, PiB - Pflegekinder in Bremen gemeinnützige GmbH supports foster parents in this process. PiB can also apply to remain in the foster family itself.

## Requirements

- A foster child has been living in a foster family for a long time.
- The child's parents or persons with the right to determine the child's whereabouts demand that the child be handed over.
- The physical, emotional or mental well-being of the child is endangered by removal from the foster family.
- The foster carers want / need support from the foster child service.

## What documents do I need?

- Depending on the individual case constellation, different documents are required. The child care service, supports the caregivers in the selection of documents

## Procedure

- The foster carers contact PiB - Pflegekinder in Bremen gemeinnützige GmbH with the request for support / accompaniment if the surrender of the child is demanded.
- The foster carers must apply to the family court for the child to remain in the foster family. The family court in whose district the child's center of life is located is responsible.

- The court must also take action ex officio, so that the youth welfare office can also file a corresponding application.
- Pending the conclusion of the proceedings, the court can issue a temporary order according to which the foster child remains with the foster family until a decision is reached.
- Foster children 14 years of age and older must always be heard by the court in proceedings concerning the care of persons or property. A child under 14 years of age shall be heard if his or her inclinations, attachments or will are of importance to the decision or if it appears necessary to establish the facts of the case.
- The court's decision is in any case based on the "best interests of the child" principle.

## **Legal bases**

- [§ 1632 Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch \(BGB\)](#)
- [§ 37a Achtes Buch Sozialgesetzbuch \(SGB VIII\)](#)

## **What deadlines must be paid attention to?**

There is no deadline.

## **How long does it take to process**

PiB - Pflegekinder in Bremen gemeinnützige GmbH will start to accompany the procedures for "keeping a child with foster parents" after being contacted by the foster parents. The length of the procedure depends on the duration of the legal proceedings before the family court.

## **What are the costs?**

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