

## 6. Welfare Benefits

### 6.1 Child Day Care

#### Child day care services

Day care, pre-school education and playground activities are arranged for children under school age (7 years). Day care offers an environment where the child is able to play, learn and participate in everyday routines. The premises, equipment and materials of day care are tailored to suit the age and needs of the child. An early childhood education plan is the guideline all municipal and private day care centres and family day care centres follow. The following day care alternatives are available:

- Municipal day care centre
- Private day care centre
- Family day care or three-family day care
- Play club activities

#### Åbo

Municipal services are offered in Finnish and Swedish. Please see: [www.turku.fi](http://www.turku.fi) > English > Education > Child care/Pre-school. Other languages are offered by private day care centres (in 2015 Russian, English and French available).

#### *Daycare Daisy (Finnish/English)*

Studentbyn 25B (Student village)

20540 Åbo

Manager Päivi Vilppula, phone: +358-2-2323362,

email: [daycare@daisy.fi](mailto:daycare@daisy.fi)

[www.daisy.fi](http://www.daisy.fi)

#### *Wendy House (Finnish/English)*

Fjärde linjen 3

20100 Åbo. Phone: +358 (0)2 333 1686 or +3584

113 0803, email: [leikkikoulu@wendyhouse.fi](mailto:leikkikoulu@wendyhouse.fi)

[www.wendyhouse.fi/fi/wendyhouse](http://www.wendyhouse.fi/fi/wendyhouse)

#### *Trivium Kiddy Care (Finnish/English)*

Lemminkäinenkatu 32

20520 Åbo

Phone: +358 40 730 9029

#### *L'Hexagone (Finnish/French)*

Slottsgatan 64

20100 Åbo

Phone: +358 (0)400 914 235 or +358 (0)40 556 5109

email: [info@hexagone.fi](mailto:info@hexagone.fi)

[www.hexagone.fi/](http://www.hexagone.fi/)

#### *Miskatalo (Finnish/Russian)*

Hantverkaregatan 2

20100 Åbo

Phone: +358 (0)44-522-4668

email: [info@miskatalo.fi](mailto:info@miskatalo.fi)

[www.miskatalo.fi](http://www.miskatalo.fi)

#### *Vasa*

For information about municipal day care centres and family day care in Vasa please check the website of the City of Vasa: [www.vaasa.fi/en/services/day-care](http://www.vaasa.fi/en/services/day-care)

There is also a Finnish/English day care centre in Vasa:

#### *Vaasa English Playschool (Finnish/English)*

Björnvägen 11

65350 Vasa

Phone: +358 (0)6 3151411

[www.vaasaenglishplayschool.fi/](http://www.vaasaenglishplayschool.fi/)

#### **Pre-School**

Pre-school education is aimed at children who will start their compulsory school education the following year. In 2015–2016 this concerns children born in 2009. Pre-school education is free of charge. Day care, if needed, is liable to charge.

Please check [www.turku.fi](http://www.turku.fi) > Education or [www.vaasa.fi](http://www.vaasa.fi) > Service Guide for more information.

#### **Baby-sitting**

The Mannerheim League for Child Welfare (*Mannerheims Barnskyddsförbund/Mannerheimin Lastensuojeluliitto MLL*) offers you help with child care. The League's child care service is meant to meet temporary and short term needs for child care assistance. The Mannerheim League for Child Welfare has a pool of babysitters. They are trained and suitable to work with children. Qualified babysitters hold a valid license issued by MLL. Further information: [www.mll.fi/en/short\\_term\\_child\\_care\\_services/](http://www.mll.fi/en/short_term_child_care_services/)