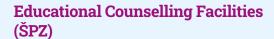


Has your child been referred to Educational Counselling Facility by the teacher?

Are you not sure what to do next? These lines are for you.

There are no special education teachers or psychologists in kindergartens. It is therefore necessary to consult external Educational Counselling Facilities, such as PPP or SPC. The teachers in the kindergarten will be happy to advise you on how to proceed and who to contact. However, it is always up to you to make the final decision.



Pedagogical and Psychological Counselling Centre (PPP)

This is a counselling centre that helps teachers, parents and, above all, children. PPP offers a wide range of counselling and diagnostic services for children from kindergarten to high school. It also provides support and methodological advice to schools.

Special Pedagogical Centre (SPC)

Special Pedagogical Centre operates in similar way as the Pedagogical and Psychological Centre but focuses primarily on supporting children with medical or mental disabilities (e.g., physical, visual, and hearing impairments, children with speech impediments or attention disorders, children with autism spectrum disorder).

Why should you take your child to PPP or SPC?

For a child to receive special support in the kindergarten, an assessment by a specialist from the counselling centre is required.



What support measures can your child receive?

- one hour long Czech lessons, divided into several shorter periods (e.g., 4× 15 minutes a week)
- special resources to work with in the kindergarten: e.g., books, educational games, communication cards or materials for learning Czech as a second language
- the help of a teaching assistant
- individualized education plan focused on language development
- in case a school readiness test is carried out, your child can be recommended delayed school entry

Are you worried that you or your child will have difficulty understanding?

The counselling centres can provide you with an interpreter. Some organizations employ intercultural workers who can accompany you to the counselling centres. This service is free. You need to contact the intercultural worker and make an appointment in advance.

The services of the public counselling centres are for free for all children. However, in most cases they have long wait times (up to 4 months). The counselling centre is obliged by law to test your child within 3 months of the written request (Decree No. 72/2005, Section 1, Paragraph 6). Private counselling centres have shorter wait time, but the parents have to pay for their services.

Further information on Educational Counselling Facilities:



Link to the NPI interpreting and translations services.

https://cizinci.npi.cz/ tlumoceni-a--preklady/



Other organizations working with migrants.

www.inkluzivniskola.cz/dalsi-organizace



Multilingual guide to the Czech education system – Your Practical Guide.

www.meta-ops.eu/prakticky-radce/practical_guide





