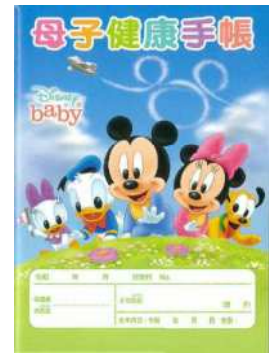


## 》 Pregnancy, childbirth and child-rearing

### ◆ Maternity record book

The Maternal and Child Health Handbook is an important record of the mother's health before and after childbirth, as well as the baby's development, health checkups, and vaccinations. It is issued at the Childcare Support Center. During issuance, we will explain various support systems, so please feel free to contact us.



### ◆ Premature child care system

There is a system in place that provides medical benefits for the care of premature infants if a doctor determines that hospitalization is necessary.

### ◆ Vaccinations

It is recommended that children receive vaccinations (yobo sesshu) against serious diseases. If the child is of a certain specified age, he or she may receive the vaccinations free of charge. The earliest vaccination period is when the child turns two months old. The vaccinations provide the child with a great deal of protection from infectious disease, and so they should be received on a systematic basis.



For inquiries regarding the Maternal and Child Health Handbook, medical care for premature infants, and children's vaccinations, please contact the Dazaifu City Childcare Support Center (Maternal and Child Health Section).

TEL: 092-555-6781 E-mail: boshihoken@city.dazaifu.lg.jp

### ◆ Child Medical Expense Subsidy System.

We provide partial medical expense subsidies for children up to high school age. When receiving medical care, please present your insurance card (including My Number insurance card or eligibility certificate) and the child's medical certificate to the medical institution. To apply for the child's medical certificate, please bring the child's insurance card (including My Number insurance card or eligibility certificate). If the child's health insurance application is still being processed due to birth or other reasons, you can apply using the parents' insurance cards instead.

Medical expenses issue system Inquiries.

National Health Insurance and Pension Section (City Hall)

TEL: 092-921-2121 E-mail: kokuhonenkin@city.dazaifu.lg.jp

### ◆ Nursery school

Daycare centers provide care for children who cannot be looked after at home during the day due to their parents' work or illness. In the city, there are two public daycare centers, and 14 private daycare centers that care for preschool children.

### ◆ Kindergarten

Kindergarten is a school prescribed by the school education law. Children between the age of 3 and 5 years old can attend kindergarten.

There are five private kindergartens (yochien) in Dazaifu City.

※Kindergarten is not compulsory education in Japan.

Childcare Section (City Hall)

#092-921-2121 E-mail: hoiku-jido@city.dazaifu.lg.jp

## ◆Child-care allowance

The Child Allowance (jido te ate) is provided to individuals residing in Japan who are raising children up to high school age (until the end of the fiscal year in which they turn 18). For more details, please contact us.

Childcare Section (City Hall)

TEL: 092-921-2121

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## ◆Parenting Support Facilities

### ○Dazaifu City Parenting Support Center

The Dazaifu City Childcare Support Center (kosodate shien senta) offers consultation for concerns related to childcare and family matters. Please feel free to reach out and discuss your worries instead of facing them alone. In addition to childcare consultations, we also provide various activities such as exercises, singing, picture book readings, and interactive ways for parents and children to play together. We offer spaces for parents to connect, play areas, salons for parents and children to spend time freely, childcare support courses, and home visits for childcare support. Please feel free to use our services.

Parenting Support Center (Gojo 3-7-1)

TEL: 092-919-6001

E-mail: [kosodate@city.dazaifu.lg.jp](mailto:kosodate@city.dazaifu.lg.jp)

### ○Family Support Center

The Family Support Center is an organization that brings together those who need help raising their child, and those who want to help take care of children. Parents who need help can join as onegai-kai-in members, while those who wish to help can join as otasuke-kain members.

Family Support Center (Dazaifu City Parenting Support Center)

TEL: 092-918-0034

E-mail: [kosodate@city.dazaifu.lg.jp](mailto:kosodate@city.dazaifu.lg.jp)