Dear Employees,

2022 began with a violent and unjustifiable act, the kind of which most of us could never have imagined. The people of Ukraine are currently experiencing violence, suffering and great distress and are fleeing to safe countries in their numbers. Like many, the Office of Family Services is also pondering how it can help. We are donating children’s clothes and are on hand to help and advise any member of the University with a family.

At the same time, our work goes on. The process for signing up for childcare is moving online and will be ready to use by summer 2022 at the latest. Besides saving paper, this will also enable parents to sign their children up quickly with various providers involved in the scheme.

On June 1, 2022, the Office of Family Services is also putting on a “Diversity and Family” day as part of the University’s first-ever Diversity Days. You can find more information below.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter!

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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1. Diversity and Family Day on June 1, 2022

The Office of Family Services is organizing a day all about diversity and family as part of the University’s Diversity Days. The event is geared toward making the various forms a family can take more visible and promoting cultural dialogue. A panel discussion and workshops will round off the day and encourage everyone to get actively involved. If you’re interested, you can register now by emailing familienbuero@uni-bonn.de. Guest numbers are limited. Anyone else who is keen to get involved with the Diversity and Family Day will be more than welcome!

The University of Bonn is organizing the Diversity Days from May 30 to June 1, 2022. The days are organized by the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity and the Prorectorate for Equal Opportunity and Diversity in cooperation with the Office of Family Services.

2. Short-term support in 2022

We are delighted that the short-term support that we provide in close partnership with the Gender Equality Office can be continued in 2022.

The arrangements are the same as before. You will still be able to apply for a monthly allowance of up to €400 in the final stages of your degree program or doctorate. The scheme is designed for parents who are students or doctoral students and provides funding specifically to cover additional childcare costs or domestic help.

You can find more details of the application procedure and criteria on the websites of the Gender Equality Office and Office of Family Services.

3. Childcare during events

The coronavirus has caused the cancellation of a great many events, particularly international conferences— including at the University of Bonn. However, a number of faculties, institutes and departments are currently making plans to restore this dialogue format.

The framework agreement with the external childcare provider PROKI-Kinderbetreuung is currently being revised. Under the new arrangement, all parts of the University that want to offer childcare during conferences, symposia or other events can make use of the service.

Institutes and departments looking for more information about the service provider are invited to visit its website.

https://www.proki-events.de/

The faculties will cover the childcare costs in the future, and central funds have already been set up for this purpose in some places. The Office of Family Services will be happy to advise you if you have any questions in this regard. Parts of the University without any financial resources of their own will be able to access a central fund.

4. Information and dates

*** Advanced training and workshops in 2022

Anyone interested can already reserve a spot at two online events that have been announced for 2022:

- June 2022: Pensions and Finances for Women
- October 2022: Maternity Leave, Parental Leave and an Academic Career (organized by the Gender Equality Office)

Reservations can now be made with the respective office.

Note: If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please send an email to familienbuero@uni-bonn.de.

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