



Community Childcare Support

Let's Play at Nursery Schools!

Let's Play at Nursery Schools events are held by public nursery schools and licensed children's gardens in order to support local families with children. They are held for children who have not yet entered nursery schools or licensed children's gardens and their parents/guardians. For about one hour in the morning, participants can play together with nursery school teachers and nursery school children, and try out nursery school lunches. Parents can also receive information and individual counseling on childcare from nursery school staff. Some nursery schools even open their playgrounds to the general public. Please contact each nursery school or licensed children's garden directly for applications and inquiries.

[Inquiries] P49 Numbers for Public Nursery Schools, Licensed Children's Gardens, and Childcare Telephone Consultation Services

Childrearing Hiroba

Q Child and Family Service Subsection, Children and Families Support Center **☎** 5962-7201



Childrearing Hiroba are open to children that live in Minato City up to about 3 years old, and their parents/guardians. They are places where you can meet other parents/guardians who live nearby, make friends, and socialize. They also host fun events. Some of them also provide temporary childcare.

When Using for the First Time:

Member registration is required.

Contact each facility or check their official websites to find out what you will need to bring with you for member registration. *Some of the facilities charge a member registration fee.

Child-rearing Coordinator Office

Q In the Children and Families Support Center

Hours: Mon - Sat: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

[Phone Consultation] **☎** 5962-7203

Q In Child-rearing Square "Ai-port"

Hours: Mon - Sat: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

[Phone Consultation] **☎** 6434-7677



Child-rearing coordinators listen to any concerns or worries you may have about childcare, and help you look up information about these concerns. If necessary, they will also connect you to relevant professional institutions, administrative services, etc. They also interact with people who visit the Childrearing Hiroba. Child-rearing coordinators have experience with childcare and can offer a wealth of knowledge. We encourage you to speak with them. They also provide consultation over the phone.



Children's Halls, Kids-to-Teens Halls, Children and Senior Citizens Plaza

Q Facility Management Subsection, General Administration Section, Regional City Office (see back cover)

Q Children and Youth Support Subsection, Children and Youth Support Section

☎ 3578-2426

Children's Halls



Kids-to-Teens Halls
The Children and
Senior Citizens Plaza



Children's Halls, Kids-to-Teens Halls, and the Children and Senior Citizens Plaza have playrooms, meeting rooms, reading rooms, crafts rooms, and rooftop areas where infants and their parents/guardians, as well as elementary, junior high, and high school students can enjoy unstructured play.

They also have balls for play, pools (only in summer), ride-on cars, wooden blocks, kitchen and food toys, picture books, and more for infants. Some parents/guardians bring lunches with them when they bring their infants to these facilities. Make sure to follow the rules, and have fun.

There are four Children's Halls, six Kids-to-Teens Halls, and one Children and Senior Citizens Plaza in the City, and each of them hosts various events for infants and their parents/guardians.

Contact your local Children's Hall, Kids-to-Teens Hall, and/or the Children and Senior Citizens Plaza if you want to make friends or you want to exchange information about childcare.

☉ Children's Play Groups

Children's Halls, Kids-to-Teens Halls, and the Children and Senior Citizens Plaza all hold events where parents/guardians with infants can get together and enjoy some playtime. About once or twice a week, for about an hour in the morning, they offer fun activities, including parent-child exercises, picture-drawing, paper picture story plays, and seasonal events. Infants as young as 0 years old can participate, with some facilities carefully dividing infants up into groups based on age. All of the facilities require registration. Some of them, however, do not have a maximum capacity or a registration deadline. For details on dates and times, please feel free to contact the facility you wish to use directly. For the contact information of each facility, please visit the Minato City official website via the QR code.

☐ Children's Halls

Facilities that offer spaces where infants, their parents/guardians, and elementary school students can play, complete with toys.

Hours: Mon – Fri: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sat: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Closed: Sundays, national holidays, New Year's holiday (December 29 - January 3)

☐ Kids-to-Teens Halls

A facility that offers spaces where infants, their parents/guardians, and elementary school students can play, complete with toys, as well as studios, gymnasiums, etc., where junior high/high school students can engage in independent activities they are interested in.

Hours: Every day: 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM (Elementary schoolers are permitted until 6:00 PM)

Closed: National holidays, New Year's holiday (December 29 - January 3)

Note that on December 29th and 30th, all Kids-to-Teens Halls (excluding Takanawa) are open to the general public.

Opening times differ by facility.

☐ Children and Senior Citizens Plaza

A facility that offers spaces that children and senior citizens can use together, interacting with one another across the generational divide (playing traditional Japanese games, etc.).

Hours: Every day: 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM

(Hours are 9:30 AM - 6:15 PM on national holidays and December 29th and 30th.)

Closed: New Year's holiday (December 31 - January 3)

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Futagonokai (Twins Club)



Public Healthcare Subsection, Health Promotion Section, Minato Public Health Center ☎ 6400-0084

Once every two months, the Public Health Center hosts a gathering for twins, multiple-birth children, and their parents. Expectant mothers are also welcome. For more information on the dates, please see the Minato City official website.

Nakayoshi Club



Public Healthcare Subsection, Health Promotion Section, Minato Public Health Center ☎ 6400-0084

The City hosts gatherings for children with Down's syndrome and their parents/guardians, six times a year. The event is an opportunity for parents to interact and exchange information on childrearing. For more information on the dates, please see the Minato City official website.

Puchi Tomato Club



Public Healthcare Subsection, Health Promotion Section, Minato Public Health Center ☎ 6400-0084

The City hosts gatherings for children born prematurely and their parents/guardians. There are also mini-lectures by specialists. For more information on the dates, please see the Minato City official website.

Shiba no Ie



🏠 3-26-8 Shiba ☎ 3453-0474

Shiba no Ie, which is run jointly by Keio University and the Shiba Regional City Office, is a project that aims to bring back some of the warmth and connection between people that existed in the Showa Era (mid 1920s - late 1980s), including neighborhood watches and everyday small talk amongst neighbors.

It exists as a social space for anybody in the region, from babies to senior citizens, to just stop by. Drink tea, eat lunch together, play with toys, enjoy handicrafts, chit chat, read books, play games, do work, and more. Shiba no Ie is a relaxed space to meet and interact with people.

The Shiba no Ie website features a monthly calendar with details on events and more. You are free to visit whenever you wish, whether you live, work, or study in the City.

Days: Tues - Sat

Hours: Tues-Sat 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Sat 12:00 PM-5:00 PM

※Since changes may occur depending on held events, please check the Shiba no Ie website for the most up-to-date information.



Yochi-Yochi Child Rearing Club



Health and Welfare Subsection, Residents Support Section, Akasaka Regional City Office ☎ 5413-7276

Counseling and information concerning child-rearing as well as programs that can be enjoyed by both parents and children are provided at exchange meetings for infants and guardians residing in zones under the jurisdiction of the Akasaka Regional City Office.

This is a relaxed space where you can get advice about childcare and make friends. Please feel free to use this service. Visit the Minato City website for details such as the date and time, content, etc.

Minato City Children, Adults, and Community MinaTalk Program

Community Cooperation Subsection, Children and Families Support Center 5962-7211



The Minato City Children, Adults, and Community MinaTalk Program includes the "MinaTalk Meeting," where children, parents, and local childcare supporters gather to discuss for improving the childcare environment, and offers "Chit-Chat Time," where parents can casually discuss various themes in each session. Please feel free to join. Please see the Minato City official website for details.

Hands-Free Outing Program

Community Cooperation Subsection, Children and Families Support Center 5962-7211



This service provide diapers and baby wipes for free for City residents with infants and young children when visiting facilities, such as child-rearing support centers, in order to reduce the burden on families when they go out. Facilities participating in the "Hands-Free Outing" program have diaper disposal boxes, so there is no taking diapers home. The diapers provided are not only purchased by the City but also include unused items donated to places like the Children and Families Support Center, for reasons such as outgrowing the size. For details, please see the Minato City official website.

Takanawa Kodomo Community College

2-3-23 Takanawa 080-3443-5166

Local university students will teach the knowledge learned at college in an enjoyable and easy-to-understand way. Additionally, programs in art, music, sports, dance, and more are also offered.

For more details, please refer to the flyer that is issued monthly.

Eligibility: Elementary school students

Cost: Free (Some programs may require a participation fee.)

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COCO - Takanawa Hotto Hitoiki Child-Rearing Support Program

Health and Welfare Subsection, Residents Support Section, Takanawa Regional City Office ☎ 5421-7085



The Takanawa Hotto Hitoiki Child-Rearing Support Program hosts child-rearing counseling services, lectures, social events, etc., for infants and parents/guardians residing in the Takanawa area. The program was updated in 2021.

Why is the program nicknamed COCO?

"CO is a prefix meaning "with," or "together." The nickname COCO came about as a way of expressing the program's aim of supporting childcare by connecting children ("kodomu," or in this case ""codomo") with other children, as well as connecting parent/guardians with each other.

See the Minato City official website for details."

Shibaura Konan District Childcare Relief Project

Health and Welfare Subsection, Residents Support Section, Shibaura-konan Regional City Office ☎ 6400-0022



Project teams that include public health nurses, midwives, registered dietitians, and clinical psychologists provide individual consultations for any concerns related to childcare, conduct infant physical assessments, and provide consultations for expectant mothers in Residents' Collaboration Spaces, etc. in the Shibaura Konan District. This is a relaxed space where you can get advice about childcare and make friends. See the Minato City official website or the Childcare Relief Project leaflet for information on the dates/times and locations of the events.

Eligibility: Infants who reside in the Shibaura Konan District and their parents/guardians, as well as expectant mothers

Tanpopo Club

Community Welfare Support Subsection, Health and Welfare Section ☎ 3578-2381



Tanpopo Club, a childcare support program run by the Council for Welfare Workers and Welfare Workers for Children, is a program where infants aged 0-4 years old and their parents/guardians can play freely together and make friends. The program places particular emphasis on helping parents/guardians exchange information about childcare and make friends with each other.

Feel free to talk to the welfare workers/welfare workers for children about any concerns you have regarding childcare. Welfare workers and welfare workers for children are required to maintain confidentiality. They will also introduce you to relevant institutions if necessary.

Minato City Libraries

📍 Library Subsection, Library and Cultural Assets Section ☎️ 6435-3011



Throughout the year, public libraries in Minato City hold children's events such as picture book story time (Ohanashi Club), children's movie events, and arts and crafts. Please feel free to participate!

Since Minato City has a large number of foreign residents, we also have a wide selection of foreign-language picture books and foreign-language libraries for children. Also, the branch of the Takanawa Library has a library especially for elementary and junior high school students. This library mainly features books for children and young adults.

All libraries are within walking distance of subway and railway stations, so be sure to come visit with your child.

Library cards can be made by anyone, even babies. Why don't you take time to enjoy reading and talking with your children?

Additionally, books and magazines borrowed from each Minato City Library can be returned not only at the return counter but also by depositing them in the book drop-off boxes located throughout the City. Please feel free to use this resource.

※Audiovisual materials (CDs, videos, DVDs) cannot be dropped in the book drop due to damage risk.

Location: Please check using the QR code (on the right).

Picture Book Rental Subscription Service

📍 Library Subsection, Library and Cultural Assets Section ☎️ 6435-3011



This is a book borrowing service that delivers picture books recommended by library staff according to your child's age to your home for free once a month.

Eligibility: Those residing in Minato City

Those aged 6 months to 3 years

Those with Minato City library usage registration

※A Minato City Libraries registration is required for children who will use the service.

Borrowing Frequency: Once per month

Number of Items You Can Borrow: 3 books per month

Minato City Local History Museum

📍 Local History Museum ☎️ 6450-2107



The Local History Museum displays exhibits that introduce the history and culture of the City. Visitors can actually touch the earthenware and folk handcrafts as well as view real materials such as Ukiyoe at the communication room that can be accessed for free.

There are also exhibits that use imaging devices such as touch panels. The museum also hosts classes for children, including parent-child study sessions and summer break study sessions.

Visit the Minato City Local History Museum website for details.



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Information on Art Museums and Cultural Museums



Minato Local History Museum ☎ 6450-2107

What is the Minato City Museum Network?

Minato City implements projects for the effective utilization of cultural assets, with the aim of invigorating cultural and artistic activities. One such project is the mutual cooperation of art museums, cultural museums, and other facilities located in our City. This makes it possible to hold events and transmit information through cooperation with the City.

Let Your Child Play Outside for the First Time at Asobi-no-Kichi! Let Your Child Play to Their Heart's Content at Playpark!

Community Development Subsection, Community Development Section, Regional City Office (see back cover)

Asobi-no-Kichi

A playground where pre-elementary school children (0-5 years old) and their parents/guardians can engage in safe, unstructured play, while interacting with nature.

Play leaders play with children in a way that suits their interests, so you can feel secure about letting your child play outside for the first time.



Playpark

The City hosts Playpark events (adventure playgrounds), in which children play while doing the things they want to do on their own. To encourage children to let loose and play to their heart's content, these events are implemented with as few strict rules as possible, with the motto being take responsibility, and play how you want to play.

Contact us for the dates/times and locations of the events

For inquiries regarding Asobi-no-Kichi and Playpark, please contact the Community Development Subsection, Community Development Section of each Regional City Office.



Parks, Playparks, and Green Spaces

Please see the Minato City official website for a list of parks, playparks, and green spaces.

Chii Bus - Minato City Community Bus

 Fuji Express Co., Ltd. "Chii Bus Customer Service"  3455-2213



The City began operating the Chii Bus, the Minato City community bus, in October 2004.

Currently, the bus has eight routes: the Tamachi Route, the Akasaka Route, the Shiba Route, the Azabu East Route, the Azabu West Route, the Aoyama Route, the Takanawa Route, and the Shibaura Konan Route.

Fare:

One trip: 100 yen for everybody elementary school age or older

※The bus is free to use for pre-elementary school children.

※If you transfer onto another bus route, you will need to pay 100 yen for each route.

※If you have a Minato City Community Bus Pass, you can show it to the driver to ride the bus for free.

※You cannot use the Seniors' Bus Discount Card (Silver Pass) to ride this bus.



About the Chii Bus Nickname and Logo

The nickname "Chii Bus" and the logo were established after a public appeal for ideas.

The nickname comes from the Japanese words for "small bus" ("chiisai bus") and "local" ("chiiki").

"Chii Bus" One-Day Pass 300 yen

This can be used on all Chii Bus lines. *Available for purchase year-round.

Odaiba Rainbow Bus Daiba Shuttle Bus

 Odaiba Rainbow Bus Call Center  6423-2805 (7:00AM-7:00PM)



The Odaiba Rainbow Bus began operations in April 2012 in order to improve access to the Daiba area, which is one of the city's top tourist areas. The bus routes begin and end at the Shinagawa Station Konan Exit bus stop and go around the Daiba area. There are two bus routes: one that goes through the Tamachi Station East Exit, and another that goes through Shibaura 3-chome (Tamachi Station Entrance).

Fare:

One trip: Adults (junior high school student or older): 220 yen

Children (elementary school students): 110 yen

※The bus is free to use for pre-elementary school children.

※If you have a Minato City Community Bus Pass, you can show it to the driver to ride the bus for free.

※You cannot use the Seniors' Bus Discount Card (Silver Pass) to ride this bus.

One-Day Pass (Odaiba Rainbow Bus): 500 yen (sold on buses)

You can use this pass to ride on all Odaiba Rainbow Bus routes. ※Sold year-round.

Joint One-Day Pass (Chii Bus/Odaiba Rainbow Bus): 500 yen

You can use this pass to ride on all Chii Bus and Odaiba Rainbow Bus routes. *Limited to weekends, national holidays, August 13-15, and December 29 - January 3

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