KidsBox Manual of the Cluster of Excellence „The Politics of Inequality”

As part of the Cluster of Excellence „The Politics of Inequality“ activities for researchers with family responsibilities, the KidsBox provides customized support for pursuing a successful academic career while balancing work and family life. The KidsBox can be taken to the personal working space or meeting room for taking care of a child in exceptional circumstances. The KidsBox is a mobile nursery for babies and children up to the leaving age of primary school. It is equipped with wheels, which enable fast and safe transportation to your workplace.

**The KidsBox contains:**

- Travel cot (for kids weighting up to 15kg)
- Foldable mattress and yoga matting enables playing on the ground
- Fast table chair fitting on the edge of a desk (for kids weighting up to 15kg)
- Stool und desk for older kids
- Books, puzzles, toys, pencils, more

**What you should bring additionally:**

- Pillow, blankets, bed sheet (travel cot)
- Nappies, wet baby wipes (diaper changing table: rest room level Y2)

*Used consumables should be discarded before returning the KidsBox*

**How to book the KidsBox:**

To yield a long lasting joy and happiness there are some preconditions for the usage of the KidsBox. Recording and documentation of the usage allows us to adapted cleaning and maintenance of the KidsBox.

- The KidsBox can be borrowed and returned Monday through Friday 8:30-17:00
- Please send an email prior to cluster.inequality@uni-konstanz.de mentioning the expected pick-up time and duration, fill in the form and sign
- Pick-up & return the keys at the Clusters Managing Office (Y211)  
  (returning after 17:00 : please put the keys into the key box in the copy room (Y215))
- KidsBox-pick-up & return at the Cluster Café (Y214)

Please do not use the KidsBox while taking care of a child, that suffers from a severe, infectious disease. In case you need to attend an important appointment, you can get support by the university’s emergency childcare: Phone: +49 (0)174/8 39 12 66 or +49 (0)162/5 49 91 49.
Supervisory duties and potential hazards

The KidsBox can be seen as a structured activity playing tool for kids of which has to be taken care of. The room, in which the KidsBox is going to be used, is nevertheless not child-friendly automatically. Please check carefully whether objects are present, which could be dangerous for playing kids:

- cable/ wire, objects on the floor/ trip hazards or objects on the desk that could be reached and pulled down by the child(ren)
- sharp corner (desk, shelf) or edges at face level
- spots, where fingers / hands could get jammed
- swallowable pieces that left lying around (paper clips, etc.)

Avoid harmful and dangerous objects, like wall sockets or outlets without child-proof locks, multiple socket-outlets or extension cords. Ensure the use of escape ways and emergency exits at any time.

Make sure that the child(ren) do not get access to the hygiene articles stored in the tiny, lockable box above the desk. The instruction manual provides a detailed overview of all the features offered by the KidsBox. Please keep also in mind, that the KidsBox has to be positioned safely (lock the wheels).

Usage is at one’s own risk. The obligatory supervision has to be carried out by the person who rented the KidsBox. Unattended stays of children are not permitted in the rooms of the University of Konstanz. The supervisory user is responsible for all damages caused by the (playing) kid. Please contact the responsible person of the Managing office, if something got damaged or missing.

Important details regarding supervisory duties

Supervisory duties:

People, who are in charge of children, are responsible for their sake and obtain supervisory duties. This means, that children under supervision need to be protected from suffering, need to be protected from doing harm or endangering other people. Supervisory duty is mandatory according to § 1631 Abs.1 BGB and part of the well-being of others. Mostly the parents or the legal guardian carries out these duties.

Legal regulation of supervisory duty:

If a person takes care of children and supervises them, the supervisor is according to § 832 BGB obliged to adhere for all the damages caused by the kid. An exception occurs if he/she can proof that the supervisory duty was carried out properly and that the damages occurred nevertheless.

According to § 828 BGB, children do not adhere for damages caused by them up to their 8th birthday.