

# Family is everything







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#### **DEAR READER,**

In 2024, we created the Family-Friendly Settlements Expo with the aim of providing an opportunity for family-friendly settlements. professional and civil society organizations committed to family issues as well as local governments that have received the Family-Friendly Workplace Award to present their work and achievements. The city of Kecskemét was the first to host the event, where, in addition to a colourful program for families and children. there was a lively discussion about good practices and policy measures that serve to build a family-friendly Hungary. Following the success of the event, we decided to make it a tradition. In May 2025, during Family Month, we organized the event again in order to reflect on our most important value, the family.

The event of the Kopp Mária Institute for Demography and Families is a symbol of the broad coalition in which the state, local governments, and various family organizations work together to protect family values and support families, which is necessary for the development of a familyfriendly Hungary. The state, local governments and various family organizations cooperate to protect family values and support families, the necessity of which was expressed a decade and a half ago in the cardinal act on family protection: "Family protection and the reinforcement of family welfare is a task shared by the State, local governments, non-governmental organisations, media providers, and businesses." This unity and cooperation, which has now become particularly widespread, forms the basis for building a family-friendly Hungary and strengthening a family-friendly nation.

We would like to thank the cities of Kecskemét and Tata for hosting the events, and we would like to give them special recognition for setting an example of how a city can and should be run in a family-friendly way. We are proud that at the second Expo, foreign guests also participated, representing the network of family-friendly European municipalities. It is a particular pleasure that several settlements inhabited by Hungarians living beyond the borders also presented their family-friendly practices, thereby strengthening the ideal of a family-friendly nation. We believe that without them, we cannot speak of a family-friendly country or a family-friendly nation.

We have prepared this publication with the aim of collecting and presenting the initiatives and good practices of all the municipalities and family organizations that participated in the second Family-Friendly Settlements Expo. They all set an example and show the way forward in how



a family-friendly approach can be implemented in everyday community life. On the following pages you can read about municipalities and family organizations, from county-level cities to small towns and communities across the border, that are committed to promoting family growth, supporting the well-being of young people, respecting the elderly, and helping those in need.

These settlements and civil society organizations contribute with numerous programs, measures, and initiatives to shaping communities where life thrives, where family is valued, children are treasures, and where everyone can live their daily lives in safety and stability.

Without strong families, there can be no strong settlements. And without strong settlements with strong communities, there can be no strong nation. This is why every initiative that supports families that preserve our nation is also an investment in the future of our country. The examples and best practices of these municipalities and organizations are a source of inspiration for all of us. They represent values that we must cherish and on which we can build our common future.

Tünde Fűrész President, KINCS





## OUR PRESENTERS SAID





#### TÜNDE FÜRÉSZ PRESIDENT OF KINGS

"The Family-Friendly Settlements Expo is a broad coalition in which the state, local governments and various organizations join forces to protect family values and supporting families."



#### JÓZSEF MICHL

"We have lived here for more than a thousand years, and we believe that there has been one thing that has kept us here. Whatever winds or storms have ravaged our country, whatever has happened in our surroundings, it has always been our families that carried us through and kept us safe."

## CSABA LATORCAI DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"Our families, our communities, and the Hungarian nation are not just the past and the present, but also the future. In order for our families, communities, and thus our nation to have a future, it is necessary for villages to join forces, for cities to join forces, and for the capital of the nation to join forces, working together to preserve our values and to build and develop them further."



#### ZSÓFIA KONCZ STATE SECRETARY FOR FAMILIES, MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND INNOVATION

"The foundation of the nation is the family, and the future of families is children. When we build nurseries or renovate kindergartens and schools, we are in fact building the future of our communities and the families who live there. For municipalities, a family-friendly approach can therefore be both an important message and a powerful guiding principle."





## MIKLÓS DUKAI STATE SECRETARY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"A family-friendly approach is not a cliché or an empty phrase, but a living reality. It takes shape in different ways everywhere. In some places, it takes the form of a nursery, in others it is found in family events or social support systems, and in others it is encouraging dialogue between generations. Every such initiative is a step towards strengthening the community and reinforcing commitment to families. The Expo is a great opportunity to learn from each other and discover that even the smallest village can create solutions that a big city may also adopt."



#### JUDIT CZUNYINÉ BERTALAN

STATE SECRETARY FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"To carry each other's burdens is the policy I advocate for small settlements. The concept of rural life still carries the power and potential that we are not alone. If a small settlement can consciously help to create this supportive environment and turn it into a strategy, it will be able to keep families together, including the preservation of their health and strength."

#### LŐRINC NACSA

STATE SECRETARY FOR NATIONAL POLICY, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

"For a community to become truly family-friendly, three conditions must be met. First, safety is important, secondly, there is a need for high-quality Hungarian language education so that Hungarian children and young people can find their place from kindergarten to the end of high school or higher education. Thirdly, community matters, because without a good community it is difficult to create a family-friendly environment."



#### KATALIN GYURKÓ KARDOSNÉ

MINISTERIAL COMMISSIONER FOR INTERGENERATIONAL COOPERATION, MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND INNOVATION

"Research shows that in settlements that succeed in retaining young people, the average age at which people have children is on average five years earlier. In contrast, when young people leave their home settlements, the age at which families are started is pushed back by five years."





#### JÁNOS BENCSIK

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE 1ST INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENCY OF KOMÁROM-ESZTERGOM COUNTY

"Children are not only the treasure of the family, but also of the community, because they are the ones who will carry it on. That is what makes local government work and the work of the mayor meaningful, and that is why it makes sense to develop nurseries, kindergartens and schools, and to create all the services that make our everyday lives safer, more balanced or happier."



## CSABA KANCZ HEAD OF THE KOMÁROM-ESZTERGOM COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICE

"I am very pleased to hear about these good practices, as we see so many bad practices in our everyday lives. We see how mobile phones, artificial intelligence, the challenges of the modern age, and the promotion of individual paths are leading children away from their families. In addition to good practices, we should perhaps also talk about bad practices and correct them, either through personal examples or through the example of individual communities."

## KÁROLY SZITA PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CITIES WITH COUNTY RIGHTS

"I firmly believe that without children, there is no future! That is why support for families should never be treated as a social policy issue in isolation, but rather as a demographic, economic and community-building strategy. The task of settlements is to complement the government's family-friendly programs by creating a complex urban environment in which having children and raising children shall appear as a safe, predictable, and attractive option."



## PÉTER HANUSI PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

"Family-friendly operations are not a separate project, but rather an approach that mayors and representative bodies use to organize community life with the help of the Hungarian government. Let's work together to strengthen families!"





## REGINA MARONCELLI PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF FAMILY-FRIENDLY MUNICIPALITIES

"Europe is facing serious demographic challenges, which in the long term will lead to population decline, an aging society, an increase in labor shortages, the emigration of skilled young people and the decline of rural areas. Demographic problems also threaten the sustainability of the welfare state, while loneliness is becoming an increasingly widespread social phenomenon. However, if families and children are at the center, this will create not only prosperity but also well-being."



## VIRÁG HAJNAL HEAD OF THE NATIONAL POLICY STRATEGIC PLANNING DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR NATIONAL POLICY

"Several studies and research projects confirm that in order for someone to feel good in a settlement, it is important to meet other people from time to time, look each other in the eye, or even just say "good morning" to one another."



#### **MAYORS**





## JÓZSEF TÓTH-SZÁNTAI

"Miskolc's most important task is to keep young people in the city. To achieve this, three conditions must be met: there must be suitable jobs, suitable housing conditions, and a livable urban environment."



#### JAKABNÉ ENGERT

**DEPUTY MAYOR OF KECSKEMÉT** 

"Family is a value, children are a treasure. This is the philosophy we try to represent in every new program, initiative and measure we introduce. Our goal is to build a city that families in Kecskemét consider their home."

## PÉTER KOVÁCS

"Love your city as you love your family, and do at least as much for your city as you do for your family. We have one task: to find what is good for families!"



## SÁNDOR TÖRÖK DEPUTY MAYOR OF SZÁZHALOMBATTA

"Százhalombatta is one of the most cultured and comfortable small towns in Europe. If our own children and grandchildren live in our town then we have done our job well."





#### ZALÁN TRIZSI MAYOR OF ONGA

"The most important task and mission of local governments is to provide space and bring people together. If we succeed in forging a bond between people, then the community will also be strong. We strive to provide as many tools as possible to achieve this."



#### **SZABOLCS TORMA**

**MAYOR OF NEMESNÁDUDVAR** 

"Nemesnádudvar reminds me of my childhood. Here, children can play outside, everyone knows everyone else, and everyone greets others. We are delighted to see that, thanks to home creation subsidies and the Baby Expecting Subsidy, more and more people are deciding to move back to the settlement."

## JÓZSEF CELLÁR MAYOR OF SZOMÓD

"The most important thing in a community is symbiosis. In addition to passing on our traditions, we try to preserve our identity. Everyone pays attention to each other, and the generations are able to live together in harmony."



#### **ENDRE ISTVÁN SZEBELLÉDI**

MAYOR OF NAGYMÁGOCS

"A family-friendly approach is a creed that leaves no other choice for either the local government or the residents of the town. It is the only way to survive. That is why we treat all measures that support having and raising children as a top priority."





#### BÉLA KESZEGH MAYOR OF RÉVKOMÁROM

"If we want to return to family values, we must return to common sense. We must try to revive the good things of the past and translate them into the language of today."



## ISTVÁN SZAKÁCS-PAÁL

"The community is built from bottom up initiatives, and I dare to guarantee that they make our town unique within the Carpathian Basin."

## HAJNALKA BURÁNY

"Zenta can best be defined as the regional, educational, cultural and health center of the Tisza region. The foundations of Zenta's development plan were laid with the aim of making it family-friendly."



#### ISTVÁN VINCZE DEPUTY MAYOR OF BEREGSZÁSZ

"Although Transcarpathia is currently considered the safest region within Ukraine, and we hope it will remain so, the consequences of the war have fundamentally changed community life and the situation of families. If we had met ten years ago, I would have described the region as developing and growing, but now sustainability and survival are the most important issues."







## FAMILY FRIENDLY SETTLEMENTS





#### ÁSZÁR

Ászár provides comprehensive services and programs to ensure a balanced, safe and supportive living environment for local residents, with a special focus on families with children and support for younger and older generations.

Ászár has a kindergarten with three groups, a primary school, and a children's and family doctor's office, where local dentists and a health visitor also takes care of the children's health. Newborns receive a baby package and birth support, while primary and preprimary-age children receive support at the start of the school year. Special attention is paid to the design and decoration of public spaces, which are decorated especially for children during the holidays. In doctors' offices, for example, stork decorations announce the arrival of newborns, while the Community Center has a unique, baby-friendly children's library awaiting the youngest visitors. In their institutions, staff working with children are allowed to work flexible hours, either

partially or entirely, or to work from home. Summer jobs are available for full-time students over the age of 16, and university students can apply for the Bursa Hungarica scholarship every year. In Ászár, marriages can be concluded free of charge at any time in the local wedding hall, and as part of the "Marriage Week" event series, they celebrate couples who have been married in the town for a long time and organize a variety of marriage-related programs for local residents. Community and cultural events are free to attend, and the local government provides a wide range of programs for families through the support of civil society organizations and churches, while local sports clubs offer a variety of sports activities, including soccer, fencing and chess. The municipality

pays special attention to supporting older people. Meals are provided for residents over the age of 65 and those in need due to their health, and local carers provide personal care and social assistance as part of a home help service. Every year, the municipality's senior citizens are honored at a ceremony, and at Christmas, those over 60 receive gift packages. The Jászai Mari Retirement Club, which has been operating for 28 years, is an

important community center for older people, and its operation is continuously supported by the local government. In recognition of this committed and multifaceted activity, Ászár was awarded the "Senior-Friendly Municipality" award, which aptly reflects the family-friendly and senior-sensitive community spirit of the town.

**WWW.ASZAR.HU** 





#### HÉVÍZGYÖRK

Hévízgyörk is a village in Pest County, located along the Galga River in the Aszód District. It has a population of 3,360. Supporting families plays a key role in the life of the village, as after all, the wellbeing and cohesion of families form the basis of the local community.

Family-friendly programs and best practices not only help families in their everyday lives, but also contribute to the development and cohesion of the community and strengthen intergenerational relationships. The municipality runs numerous programs and initiatives specifically aimed at families. These include Children's Day, the Galgamenti Flavors Courtyard, the Hévízgyörk Flavours Courtyard, the Day of Values and Gürdös Festival, family summer music concerts, Summer Evening Cinema, the Autumn Festival and Advent programs. The municipality pays special attention to supporting families in their everyday lives. In line with this, the "Becoming a Parent" program series was launched for future parents, mothers with small children can participate in the

Kerekítő! baby-mummy singalong sessions free of charge, while young people are encouraged to get involved through club activities. Hévízgyörk regularly organizes family days with the aim of strengthening ties between community members. The programs also include sports competitions, craft workshops, joint cookings, and outdoor excursions where families can share different community experiences. The local school, kindergarten, and nursery also work closely together to organize joint events that give children the opportunity to participate in creative programs with their parents. The municipality pays special attention to facilitating employment for parents, which is why it offers a three-week free summer camp for Hévízgyörk children. During the rest of the



summer, church and social camps are also available, so summer camps cover almost the entire summer vacation. In Hévízgyörk, family-friendly practices cover a wide range and help not only young parents but also the older generation to

live in a supportive community. The aim is to make the appropriate services available to all families and that the village becomes a truly loving, supportive community.

**WWW.HEVIZGYORK.HU** 





### KECSKEMÉT

In 2018, Kecskemét won the Family-Friendly Municipality Award announced by the National Association of Large Families (NOE). The Municipality of Kecskemét City with County Rights considers supporting families and improving their living conditions to be a fundamental value and a key objective for the future of the city.

The city supports all programs that serve the well-being of families and children, cooperates with civil society and church organizations for the benefit of families, and has officially confirmed its commitment to family issues by signing cooperation agreements with the Mária Kopp Institute, the National Association of Large Families and the Single Parent' Families' Foundation. The social services, benefits and other opportunities provided by the Kecskemét municipality are wideranging. These programs include a discounted land sale program, a new rent subsidy program, free nursery care, the Bursa Hungarica **Higher Education Municipal** 

Scholarship, educational and training allowances for orphans and half-orphans, and family and child welfare services. With the support of the local government, numerous family-friendly programs are being implemented, including the Varázstáska charity school supplies collection campaign for primary school children from disadvantaged backgrounds, the Hírös Születésünnep (Hírös Birth Celebration) for expectant mothers, families with babies and young children, the Mother's Day flower planting and mini-motorcycle parade, Father's Day, and World Breastfeeding Day, organized by the HÍRCSE Association. The work of the

Women for the Future of the Nation Association aims to bring together a wide range of fellow women to form a community and promote civic and Christian moral values. The association's main programs include the "Our Children Are Our Treasures" series, a stroller parade, the "Wandering Moses Basket" program to welcome newborns in Kecskemét, and the "Children up high!" initiative. The Walking School Bus program,

organized by CédrusNet, offers children in grades 1-6 a safe, healthy, and environmentally friendly way to walk to school within an organized framework. The town offers a wide range of family-friendly programs, each initiative attracting significant visitor numbers, while civil society organizations are establishing an increasingly strong base.

**WWW.KECSKEMET.HU** 





### KOMÁROM

We speak different languages, but our lives are shared

In recent years, several initiatives have sought to strengthen the family-friendly character of Komárom. Many initiatives have targeted young families and children, but support for the elderly is an equally important goal.

Bus transport is free in the Southern Slovakian town, supporting all residents equally, and services to the south bank of the Danube are also provided. The development of bicycle paths based on a comprehensive concept is ongoing, and safe parking and a bicycle-sharing system are also among the developments that have been implemented. One of their comprehensive projects aimed to increase mobility among young people and the elderly. The plans for schoolchildren were based on a detailed survey, with the aim of ensuring that pupils be physically active for at least one hour every day. This included travel to and from school, active recreation during school breaks and after school, the expansion of opportunities for physical activity in the city and actively involving sports clubs in school

communities. Another part of the initiative was to involve older people in increasing daily physical activity by providing opportunities for active recreation in retirement clubs, public spaces, and other settings. Komárom is currently working on a comprehensive family-friendly city program in partnership with the local hospital and other important institutions. A key part of this is helping families in all aspects of starting a family and having children, the early stages of child-rearing and the school years. Komárom is doing its best to help single parents and families raising children with disabilities. Access to education is an important goal, which is why the city is providing free school supplies for primary school pupils.

WWW.KOMAROM.HU







#### **MISKOLC**

Miskolc, the city of Bükk, offers numerous natural, cultural, and historical attractions. Similarly, Miskolc's family-friendly policy is diverse, striving to support everyone from families with small children to those with several children through services, discounts, and community developments to make the city more livable and homely for families.

Several organizations are helping the town of Bükk in its family-friendly work. The Miskolc Association of Large Families, which currently includes 150 families and 600 children, is a community that brings together large families, supports them and helps them to live happier and more fulfilling lives. The Miskolc Help at Home Foundation fulfills the role of a traditional extended family in many ways, providing support to parents with young children whose relatives or friends are unable to help them for whatever reason. The service is particularly useful for parents who are raising their children alone, who are raising several children who are not yet of school age, or who are struggling with depression, health problems, or are new to the area. Since 2021, the Pannon Sea Museum has had a baby room and a "Baby in the Museum" program. helping families with small children, especially those who find it difficult to attend cultural events.





The Pontközpont, established by the Háromkő Association, is a community space that organizes its programs through civil society cooperation and the involvement of volunteers and welcomes families, young people, and seniors living in the city. Its goal is to provide a place where people can participate in community programs, learn from excellent professionals, or engage in pleasant conversation.

WWW.MISKOLC.HU





## **NAGYMÁGOCS**

Nagymágocs is a real gem on the northeastern side of Csongrád-Csanád County, surrounded by the towns of Szentes, Hódmezővásárhely, and Orosháza. The value of Nagymágocs lies primarily in the people who live here. Although they are diverse and have different ways of thinking, they agree on one thing: hard work and perseverance are essential for the community to thrive.

Nagymágocs is an ideal location for families looking for a green, healthy living environment. The town has all the educational and childcare facilities that are essential for raising children: a nursery, a kindergarten, a primary school, a library, playgrounds, as well as health visitor and pediatric services are all accessible to families. Nagymágocs has daily health services available: family doctor, dentist and a pharmacy, as well as a cultural center, a restaurant, grocery stores, greengrocers,

stationery shops, clothing stores, shops selling miscellaneous goods, daytime entertainment venues, fishing lakes, sports fields, and public parks. Community care and social security are also important values for the municipality. For those in need, the Social Services Center provides support in the form of daytime elderly care, home help, and social meals. The situation is also favorable in terms of job opportunities: not only do nearby towns offer employment opportunities, but Nagymágocs itself offers a variety



of employment opportunities, from agricultural jobs to positions in the social sector and various specialized industrial activities. The police, civil defense, volunteer fire department, and civil society organizations based on various community

needs make the village stronger and more livable. These values are also reflected in the village's motto: "Nagymágocs is being built for you and beautified with you!"

**WWW.NAGYMAGOCS.HU** 



#### **NASZVAD**

#### THE YOUNGEST CITY OF SLOVAKIA

Naszvad is a spa town in the Komárom district; a place where life is good. The town has everything you need for a comfortable life: kindergartens, primary schools, parks, playgrounds; general medical offices and pharmacies add to the feeling of comfort, as do shops, restaurants and pastry shops.

For older people, a day care center and a residential facility are available. The industrial park provides job opportunities for residents, while the thermal baths offer relaxation for locals and tourists alike. The town also has a bike-sharing system, and in the near future a cycle path will connect Érsekújvár with the thermal baths in Naszvad and the new section will connect to the Érsekújvár-Martos bike path.

Another reason why it's great to live here is that there are lots of events. The town and its leadership support cooperation in all areas to create a vibrant and pleasant living environment for all generations. The largest event for all generations is the annual Naszvad Days, which is attended by the whole town and where everyone takes part, either as organizer, performer, or visitor. In

addition, there are many one-day family-friendly events throughout the year. These include the Maypole raising and harvest parade organized by the Pensioners' Club, the Advent candle lighting organized by the local branch of Matica Slovenská in the town square or the celebration in honor of St. Cyril and St. Methodius. The local organization of Csemadok is also very active, with a wide range of activities from dance camps to literary evenings. As part of the Wass Albert Marathon, young and old alike recite poetry, while the "Naszvadi Lakodalmas" and the Hand Harvesting Competition serve to revive old traditions, involving representatives of all generations. In addition to providing leisure activities and counseling for residents, the YMCA Community Center organizes a large-scale Family Day, where all organizations are represented with entertainment programs,

food and drinks, quizzes, and even group dancing. The Naszvad Thermal Spa offers family-friendly programs visitors throughout the year, but especially during the summer. During this time, family weekends offer visitors a wide range of activities, such as aqua dance, aqua gym, mini disco, competitions, cultural programs, and the ever-popular foam party.

The aim of the staff at the Local Cultural Center is to organize events to maintain the interest of every member of the family in culture. The music, dance, literary and theatrical performances, exhibitions and demonstrations are diverse and varied. The town's community is also united by sport. There are

different opportunities for sports, the largest sports clubs being football, basketball, handball, table tennis, and handball, wrestling, and karate, but you can also do yoga or even work out in the outdoor training park. There are two types of exercise classes for women, where members can keep their bodies and minds fresh in the senior Joy Dance group.

The town's motto, LABORE ET CONCORDIA (WORK AND UNITY) is still relevant today and can be seen everywhere in the attitude, helpfulness, smiles, and cooperation of the people who live here. Perhaps this the main reason why it is so good to live here.

WWW.NESVADY.SK/HU





## NEMESNÁDUDVAR

Where roots and future live together

Nemesnádudvar lies along the Danube Canal, at the meeting point of the Homokhátság and Sárrét regions. It is a town in southern Bácska where families find not just a house, but a real home. Frankish communities have lived here for more than three hundred years, shaping the village through their faith, diligence, and solidarity, which remains people-oriented and livable to this day.

Nemesnádudvar offers a harmonious blend of tranquillity and development. Well-kept streets, flower-filled squares, modern institutions, fast internet and a helpful community await. The bilingual kindergarten and primary school are not only places of learning but also places where identity is formed: children learn German and the local Swabian culture in an enjoyable way. Music education, folk dancing,



sports, language exam preparation programs, and interactive teaching all serve the goal of helping young people build a secure foundation for their future. The proximity of nature, wineries, craft businesses, and the stability of the local economy offer a predictable way of life. The nearly 600 wine cellars, traditional communities, gastronomic festivals and opportunities for experience-based tourism offer meaningful recreation for all generations.

Through close cooperation with the settlements of the Swabian Corner, Nemesnádudvar is not just a place to arrive, but a community that truly keeps people here. Here, you don't have to choose between career and family, tradition and future, nature and development – here, you can have it all. Here, you are home in the truest sense of the word.

WWW.NEMESNADUDVAR.HU





#### **ONGA**

The town of Onga is located in Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County, 10 km from Miskolc. It is wedged between the Bükk and Zemplén Mountains and the Sajó and Hernád rivers, divided by the Bársonyos stream, and surrounded by mine lakes. The geographically separate parts of the town are Ócsanálos and Ongaújfalu. The number of inhabitants is 4964. The first written mention of the settlement dates back to 1222, and it has been a town since 2013.

Onga is a peaceful and balanced small town with countless familyfriendly practices aimed at supporting families in their daily lives, promoting community life, child-rearing, and work-life balance. The number of children called for the establishment of a nursery, which is naturally accompanied by a kindergarten and a primary school. Onga has two playgrounds, safe pedestrian crossings, and countless programs for families. The local government organizes four family days a year with cultural events, craft activities, and children's programs, as well as cooking competitions. In addition, they organize Easter

egg hunts, Advent candle lighting, and children's drawing contests. They also support local children at the start of the school year and offerdiscounted meals. The small town supports family-friendly initiatives and children's camps organized by local civil organizations. The Local Government of Onga has already won funding twice and has been awarded the Family-Friendly Workplace title. A play and relaxation corner has been set up in one of the offices, and childcare is provided during school breaks.

WWW.ONGA.HU







### **SZÁZHALOMBATTA**

Százhalombatta is a dynamically developing modern small town with a population of nearly 20,000 in the Transdanubian region of Hungary. Thanks to its industry and good urban management, the city leadership provides a balanced living environment for its residents.

In addition to an excellent network of institutions the four primary schools providing basic education, there is a four- and eight-year secondary school, a vocational school and two art schools. In addition to kindergartens, schools, educational counselling and nursery there is an outstanding Health Care Institution providing services to the local population, as well as a Family Support and Care Center. The Municipality of Százhalombatta provides support for young people, families, and those in need through a wide range of measures. The local government provides assistance to young people as they build families and welcome children, in line with the government's family policy. It supports young people to stay in the area and find housing, helps create jobs, and ensures the

well-being of the city's population. Thanks to a successful baby program, families with small children receive a newborn baby package, significant financial support, and a new tree. As part of the "Newborns of Batta" tree planting program, parents can request a sapling, which is planted in a designated public area of the city accompanied by a nameplate. This results in the establishment of native tree habitats that people will gladly visit in the future. For the sake of children's health, the local government of Százhalombatta provides nationally recognized, free annual health checkups for kindergarten and schoolage children, including eye and orthopedic examinations. They support local young people in obtaining their first driver's license and provide significant back-toschool assistance to all primary and secondary school students in Százhalombatta. The local government has joined the Bursa Hungarica Higher Education Municipal Scholarship Program, thus providing significant financial support each year to support the studies of students in Százhalombatta. The local government pays special attention to the elderly, who have played a significant role in the construction and development of the town. They support civil society organizations and associations

and allocate significant funds on culture and sports, which provide meaningful recreation for many people. The municipality aims to strengthen constructive communities, local patriotism, and families' attachment to the city. Százhalombatta is proud of its family-friendly approach and measures, as well as the fact that many of its institutions have been recognized for their family-friendly policies.

#### **WWW.BATTANET.HU**





### SZÉKELYUDVARHELY

The heart of Székely Land (Szeklerland), where everyone feels at home.

Székelyudvarhely is a friendly Transylvanian town that offers a real home to all those who value peace, traditions and the strength of community. In addition to its rich history, it has a vibrant cultural life, and its schools, parks, family-friendly events, and community spaces make it an ideal place for families with children.

Székelyudvarhely is often referred to as a town of schools. Here, children can grow up safely in a supportive, value-oriented community from nursery to university. The Cultural Center's programs are designed for the whole family: lectures, workshops, book presentations, exhibitions, concerts, choirs, and community events await those who are interested. Each year, the Tomcsa Sándor Theater's puppet theatre department presents a number of new performances. Each performance is a new journey where the audience can experience the magic of the stories together. The Haáz Rezső Museum tells the story of the past with temporary exhibitions, guided tours and many colourful programs. The performances of the Udvarhely Folk Dance Ensemble, the

traditions and values of Hungarian folk culture are presented in an authentic and entertaining way. In Székelyudvarhely, holidays play a particularly important role. On March 15, locals gather to commemorate their freedom, while the youngest children fold paper hats, talk to hussars, and relive moments of history with their own creations at the Cultural Center. On May 1, the people of Udvarhely hop on their bikes and ride out with their families to Szeiké, where music. games, and fun activities await them. The city's biggest holiday, Udvarhely Days, is celebrated by the community as one big family, and KözTér Days are attended by many families with children, thanks to children's programs. In the heart of Székely Land, numerous civil



organizations, associations, and foundations work for families. In the Mini Transylvania Park, famous buildings and castles of Transylvania are lined up as models, offering an interesting spectacle for both children and adults alike. Székely fairy tales have also travelled far from here: just think of the Legendárium animations, that bring Hungarian legends to life for new generations

to enjoy. That is what makes this town so special. Because here, everyone counts. Every smile, every handshake, every story comes together to form a greater whole. A community where it is good to live, create, celebrate, and grow up. This is Székelyudvarhely, the heart of Székely Land.

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#### **TATA**

In both 2013 and 2019, the Municipality of Tata was awarded the "Family-Friendly Municipality" prize, the highest recognition granted by the National Association of Large Families (NOE) to municipalities. This recognition reflects the city's commitment to supporting families, which is also evident in numerous local measures and services.

Tata pays special attention to the well-being of families living here and the family-friendly and smooth operation of services available to them. In line with these efforts, for example, couples who were born in Tata or have a permanent address there are entitled to a free wedding ceremony. Students, talented young people and those in need are also supported in a number of ways. Primary and secondary school pupils with a permanent address in the municipality, as well as pupils attending primary or secondary school in Tata, can use the local bus service free of charge. For disadvantaged children, the summer day camp organized each year at Fényes Bath is free of charge. As part of this program, efforts are

made to support the discovery and nurturing of young talents, as well as their individual and community development and advancement. An ice ring tent is operated at the School of Kőkút, where children from all over the city can skate during physical education classes and after school. Next to the school, a training pool also operates, where swimming lessons are provided for kindergarten children. The Peron Talent Center offers talent development through instrumental training, music theory instruction, skills development, music industry workshops, and lectures. The city's talented young people are supported with scholarships: In addition to the Tata City Most Diligent Student Scholarship,

students in higher education can win the Öveges József Study Scholarship, while the Esterházy Miksa "Viator" sports scholarship supports selected athletes from Tata. The city administration cooperates with local civil organizations, associations, foundations, and institutions for the benefit of children, providing support whenever its budget allows. In cooperation with the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta, a Maltese playground was opened in 2015, which offers a variety of meaningful and entertaining activities for all age groups of children and their families, with activities led by qualified staff. The local government allocates

an annual amount in its budget for municipal fund applications, which can be used for health, social. sports, educational, and cultural projects. Institutions and civil society organizations operating in the municipality are also eligible to apply for and receive support. This year, the town of Tata hosted the second Family-Friendly Settlements Expo. The all-day professional and family event was organized jointly by KINCS and the Tata Local Government. The event was closed by György Popovics, President of the Komárom-Esztergom County Council.

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### **FAMILY ORGANISATIONS**



## FAMILY-FRIENDLY HUNGARY CENTRE

The Family-Friendly Hungary Centre is committed to supporting families in their everyday lives with reliable, up-to-date knowledge.





The Family Support Calculator is one of the most popular services on the csalad. hu portal. This tool, validated by experts and continuously updated, provides personalized assistance in navigating the various forms of family support available. To date, it has provided reliable guidance to hundreds of thousands of families in making their choices. The Family-Friendly Place certification program aims to recognize workplaces and service providers that take real steps to support their employees and customers in a family-friendly way. More than 2,200 audited organizations have already been certified under the certification program, helping more than 300,000 employees with familyfriendly measures. Its experts provide advice, training, and workshops. The Children's Path Methodological Center supports children with special

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developmental needs and the professionals working with them through knowledge sharing and collaborative work with families based on trust. The primary goal of the Center is to provide methodological publications, practical tools, monitoring, and training. The "I came voluntarily" Award, established by the Family-Friendly Hungary Center, each year recognizes organizations that contribute in an outstanding and exemplary manner to improving the lives of their communities. As

part of their professional activities supporting the development of day-care nurseries, they provide methodological and architectural assistance for the creation of new nursery facilities and operate workplace nurseries. The staff of the Family-Friendly Hungary Center are also active on the international stage, sharing Hungarian best practices and learning from family-friendly innovations in other countries through Erasmus+ programs.

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## FOR OUR FAMILIES FOUNDATION

Credible help for families, every day

The Családjainkért Alapítvány (For Our Families Foundation) has been helping families in Hungary for more than three decades. It was established in 1991 by the National Association of Large Families (NOE) with the aim of supporting families raising children, with a special focus on large families.



The Foundation presented its National Information Line at the Family-Friendly Settlements Expo. The service is available every day between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on +36 1 795 5511 to provide reliable, easy-tounderstand and personalized information about family support opportunities, legislation affecting families and available services, combining the opportunities offered by the civil sector and the government system. Since its launch in February 2025, many people have already contacted the line with confidence. In addition to providing information, the For Our Families Foundation



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pays special attention to prevention, talent development, and supporting families who find themselves in difficult situations through no fault of their own. Through their donation coordination system, they provide targeted, personalized help to those in need. What makes the system

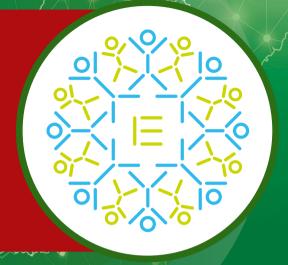
unique is that families in the NOE community actively participate in it, helping each other as donors and recipients, thus strengthening solidarity and a sense of belonging.

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#### **SINGLE PARENTS' CENTER**

The Single Parents' Club Foundation has been helping single parents since 2005. They believe that everyone, whether they are single parents or children growing up in single-parent families, has the right to equal opportunities and possibilities. As a civil society organization, they support parents and children who, for whatever reason—divorce, death, adoption, single pregnancy—live in single-parent families.



About 341,000 families in Hungary are missing one parent. The Single Parents' Center in Budapest opened in May 2018 with the aim of providing practical assistance and community support to whose families who are missing one parent. Over the past seven years, the Center has reached more than 33,000 single-parent families with more than 80 different services. In March 2022, the second Single Parents' Center has opened in Buda, which is easily accessible to single parents and families living in the Buda agglomeration and Buda. In addition to the centers in Budapest, a nationwide and crossborder network also helps single-

parent families, and most of their services are available nationwide. The Single Parents' Center is also a support and community space: they provide a wide range of practical assistance, organize regular programs and training courses and build a supportive community for single parents and their children. Those who turn to the Center have the opportunity to attend groups led by various professionals coaches, psychologists, trainers and receive competent assistance on legal and employment issues. In addition, they provide community programs, camps, vacation and sports opportunities for families.

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Children receive tutoring in the afternoons, which helps them to learn not as an obligation but as an experience. The Single Parents' Center held craft workshops at the Family-Friendly Settlements Expo for children that can be easily done at home (pebble painting, animal figure making). In addition, they put

together a quiz about single-parent families so that visitors could learn as much as possible about their situation. Those who completed the quiz and those who participated in the craft workshops received a gift.

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## FICSAK (YOUNG FAMILIES CLUB)

The Young Families Club (FICSAK) aims to highlight the beauty of family life. The association, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, was founded by Nóra Király, a mother of five, with the aim of building bridges between the government and families, supporting families in all stages of life and providing them with reliable information.



FICSAK programs provide quality recreational opportunities for families, with a focus on physical activity. environmental protection and often charity work. Every year, the organization presents the "For the Green Generation" of the Future" award to teachers who are committed to environmental protection who are particularly active in the field of education and training for sustainable development. With the involvement of Hungarian family organizations, they have been organizing the Family Organizations' Advent Charity Collection, which provides significant assistance to selected causes and organizations every year. Their child protection campaigns emphasize the importance of children's physical and mental health, and their free Family Knowledge Base service is continously



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expanding, which provides parents with expert articles, videos knowledge materials and publications. FICSAK stands up for all issues that are important to families. On their communication platforms, such as TikTok and Facebook, they regularly help families navigate through the most important issues affecting them. Thanks to their network of member organizations,

they are present in almost every part of the country and build supportive communities at the local level. At the Family-Friendly Settlements Expo in Tata, FICSAK staff conducted a short survey among parents of children aged 3-6 and welcomed visitors with colouring pages, a flagmaking activity, a play area and gifts.

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# THE TATAI GROUP OF THE HUNGARIAN MALTESE CHARITY SERVICE

The Hungarian Maltese Charity Service's Volunteer Group of Tata was founded in 1990. The Tata group has 32 members and 8 supporting members. Their main activities include distributing food, delivering meals, visiting the sick, and collecting and distributing donations.





The Support Service and the Day Care Center for Older People, operated by the Maltese Charity Service, play a key role in the city's social welfare system. The aim of these two institutions is to provide care for elderly people in need and people with disabilities living in the city. The Support Service provides assistance to severely disabled people and chronically ill children living in the city who receive disability support or increased family allowances. The Day Care Center for Older People welcomes older people, mainly pensioners, who live at home but need social care and companionship due to their health and the loneliness that often affects this age group. The institutions provide transport and personal assistance for those in their care. In the case of older people, this mainly involves local shopping and transport to medical appointments, while for children it involves regular medical check-ups and transport to school. Regarding people living with autism, the service assists students at the local special school, taking them to therapeutic activities organized within the school framework, such as horseback riding or swimming. As part

of personal assistance, the most common services provided to older people are help with prescribing and obtaining medication, administrative tasks, shopping, washing, dressing, exercise, and massage. For children, the most common tasks include accompanying them, joint learning, organizing leisure activities, and providing advice to parents, for example by making suggestions on how to budget income wisely. An important community initiative is the Jázmin Street Playground, which was established in 2015 as a result of joint work and joint financing by the Tata City Council and the Hungarian Maltese Charity Service.

The primary goal of the project was to support the local community and create a friendly, safe space that would provide opportunities for meaningful family time offers games and activities suitable for all ages. The playground is visited by an average of 15-20 families every day, as well as many children who come on their own, and teenagers living nearby often spend their free time here. The staff of the charity service welcomed visitors to the Family-Friendly Settlements Expo with children's activities, crafts, and games, and offered skillbuilding games for young children.

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### HUNGARIAN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH VISITORS (MVSZSZ)

The health care system has been in operation for 110 years and is constantly evolving in line with universal human values, current scientific knowledge and the changing needs of those in care and their families.



The main goal of the national service of health visitors, which has been declared a Hungarian cultural treasure (a 'hungaricum') and has about 5,200 members, is to support all newborns and to promote the health and well-being of mothers, fathers and families. Health visitors are the most important allies of families. The Hungarian Professional Association of Health Visitors (MVSZSZ) was founded on August 7, 2019. The association's goal is to raise the professional standards of the health visitor profession, develop health visitor services, and promote the introduction of quality changes, with particular regard to special needs, disadvantaged groups, and those at risk from an equal opportunities perspective or who deserve special attention.

The Hungarian Professional Association of Health Visitors supports the health, well-being, and social integration of families through family-friendly professional development projects. These objectives have been achieved, for example, through the PregnaScan telemedicine program, which aims to monitor cardiovascular risks in pregnant women, and the ReflectMom self-awareness game, which will help pregnant women and mothers of children aged 0-3mothers and strengthen their maternal and female roles from 2024. An important initiative of the MVSZSZ is the Bodrogköz pilot program, which aims to develop the parenting and family skills of families living in multiply disadvantaged communities, and

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the association also places special focus on protecting the health and improving the health knowledge of Hungarian families living across the border. In addition, the association participated in a project to develop tools for detecting spinal deformities in schoolchildren and in a program to help parents of children with disabilities, and supports preventive health education for children and young people in state care, which aims to prepare them for the changes of adolescence, adulthood and parenthood. Their activities also include the production of films, podcasts, and professional

and public information materials, and they are active participants in family-friendly events and community programs. Eight health visitors participated in the second Family-Friendly Settlements Expo, who carried out comprehensive health checks. The results were evaluated by a health visitor who also is a qualified dietitian and provided personalized dietary advice. Visitors also received professional guidance on lifestyle, nutrition, exercise, stress management, and smoking cessation.

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# HUNGARIAN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH VISITORS (MVSZSZ)

### ZOLTÁN MAGYARY FOLK SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Zoltán Magyary Folk School Society began its work in 1995, following the footsteps of the Tata Folk School, which operated between 1940 and 1944.



The Society operates as an association and is a public benefit organisation. Its main activity is the promotion of lifelong learning. which it carries out in the towns of Tata and Tatabánva under a public education agreement, but its network of contacts extends throughout the Carpathian Basin. Over the past 30 years, numerous projects have been implemented and programs organized, which justified the creation of a stable work organization. The ten-member work organization was awarded the bronze level of the Family-Friendly

Workplace in 2020. One of the core values of the company is the belief that employees should not have to choose between work and family life. Through their measures and programs, they therefore strive to support the balance and coordination of these two areas. In this spirit, they provide opportunities for not only individual but also family participation, among employees, volunteers as well as the local community. Such programs include craft and tradition clubs, family craft days during the summer holidays, a film club, exhibitions, theater and

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other performances for different age groups and families and other family-oriented programs organized and run in cooperation with the city. At the second Family-Friendly Settlements Expo, the Magyary Zoltán Folk High School presented their lace-making workshop as an interactive activity and visitors were given an insight into the secrets of traditional lace-making. People of all ages took part in the workshop.

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## OCIATION



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LARGE FAMILIES (NOE)

The National Association of Large Families (NOE) was founded 38 years ago and was one of the first civil society organizations in Hungary that was truly built from the bottom up. NOE's strength comes from the fact that it welcomes anyone who values family and feels responsible for the present and future of children.



The National Association of Large Families runs a number of highprofile projects, one of the most important of which is the baby greeting event, which aims to bring together NOE member families to celebrate the birth of children born in the previous year, in line with the week of birth, and thereby promote having children. The project's motto also carries an important message: "Where a child is born, a family is born." After all, when we say yes to a child, we become parents for life. The most popular NOE event is the Autumn Meeting, which provides an opportunity for communities and families from different parts of the country to get to know each other while sharing experiences and discovering the sights of the town they are visiting. The event

introduces participants with Hungary's architectural, artistic, cultural, and natural treasures, helping to preserve historical memory and folk traditions. One of their key initiatives is the Flavors of Love program, which aims to help the Hungarian fruits and vegetables processed locally by large families to reach families who have difficulty accessing to preserves and pickles. For years, NOE has placed a special focus on community building and development, including training courses and workshops that help its members expand their knowledge, and develop their skills. From the very beginning, NOE has placed great emphasis on keeping its members informed, which is why its publication, NOE Letters, regularly reports about the events of their



local and partner organizations, the latest news from institutions affecting families, and publishes articles by renowned experts on various aspects of family life, tailored to the theme of each issue. In addition, they pay great attention to welcoming their volunteers, thanking them for their work, who continuously, even 2-3 hours a day, devote themselves to strengthening and building the local organization.

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# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CULTURE - KOMÁROM-ESZTERGOM COUNTY DIRECTORATE

The methodological activities of the Komárom-Esztergom County Directorate of the National Institute for Culture include quality development, assistance in the provision of statistical data in specific fields, the creation of local value repositories, and the development of youth communities.



The Directorate supports the effective operation of the county professional network with workshops and community building model programmes and help the work of county public education professionals with methodological advice, the launch of specialist further training courses and the coordination of these courses. The aim of the Directorate is to be actively involved in the life of the county's settlements, helping them to achieve their cultural and community goals, and offering family-friendly programs to its partners for the purpose of community development and

community building. The County Directorate guides interested parties in the field of value discovery and preservation at municipal events and other occasions with the help of the Hungarikum playground program. Through playful tasks, participants can enrich their knowledge about the values of the region or deepen their interest in the cultural heritage of the Komárom-Esztergom county. The staff add variety to the programs with brain teasers, adventurous puzzles, and outdoor escape rooms, in which everyone from the youngest to the oldest can participate. The Hungarikum and County Treasure Hunt is very

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popular and in most cases provides an opportunity to explore the entire area of an event. The tasks related to the Hungarikum tour and Hungarian folk tales keep children and adults alike entertained. Giant jigsaw puzzles showcase the treasures of the Komárom-Esztergom county and the program of the National Institute of Culture - The Study Circle. During the live-action board game entitled Ripa the Horse, the children themselves become puppets and can thus playfully explore the map of the county, moving from settlement to settlement.

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# RINGATÓ HUNGARIAN MUSIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Ringató (baby-mummy music classes)
The Ringató Foundation has been working with families with young children for more than 20 years. The aim of their programs is to provide a shared musical experience for young and old alike, as singing and playful activities help build children's souls and strengthen family ties.



As Ilona Gróh, founder of Ringató and music teacher, writes: "With Ringató, parents and young children learn together. We want to sneak the joy of music into the lives of families with young children and into their homes as early as possible. That is why we turn to art with my students, to use it as a tool for education. We want to show a possible path to happiness in education. Not the only one, not the best one, but one sure good one among many." Currently, 177 Ringató activity



leaders work throughout the country and beyond its borders towards a common goal. The sessions are led by colleagues, most of whom are mothers of young children who can decide for themselves how often and where they hold the sessions. This allows educators participating in the Ringató music education program to prioritize the interests of their own families.

The Ringató method, which has been awarded the Hungarian Heritage Prize, conveys traditional Hungarian values and cultural heritage to families with young children in the 21st century in an authentic and enjoyable way.

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## SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTION

Since its establishment in 1996, the Social Welfare Institution has been helping the population living in the municipalities of Tata, Baj, Dunaalmás, Dunaszentmiklós, Kocs, Naszály, Neszmély, Szomód, Tardos and Vértestolna, which are united by the Tata Micro-Region Multipurpose Association. The institution provides social assistance to the population in need.



The Social Welfare Institution performs various tasks in the settlements of the Tata District in cooperation with its organizational units in the form of an association. These include social catering, a regular home help, and support services for people with disabilities. In addition, the institution provides community-based primary care for psychiatric patients, day care for people with disabilities and older people, as well as day care for homeless people. Within the framework of social specialised care providing personal care. the institution provides temporary care for homeless people in night shelters. as well as operates a Family and Child Welfare Center and Family. In addition, the institution provides mediation, free legal advice, art therapy, and life management and home economics groups, organizes clothing exchanges, and offers opportunities to participate in Kulcsár-style movement therapy. The





aim of the Social Welfare Institution is to ensure that all residents of the municipalities of the Tata Micro-Region Multipurpose Association have access to the support they need as people in need. The institution is open to all residents of the Tata district, from children to older people, where its qualified staff provide support in resolving family problems, help access various forms of assistance, and contribute

to the meaningful and productive use of children's free time. The institution maintains good relations with the citizens of Tata, civil society organizations, partner institutions, kindergartens, and schools in the city. Every year, several students from Tata's secondary schools apply to the Social Welfare Institution for summer jobs and community service.

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# SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTION

## PARENTS' HOUSE FOUNDATION

Parents' House (Szülők Háza) is a complex program providing support for parents, families, and child protection, launched in 2007 by Judit Regős, social policy expert and family counselor.



The program responds to the social need for the protection of children's well-being to be continuous at all ages. This is a task that requires sensitivity to the immediate and wider family, social and societal environment. The methodology was awarded the Best Practice award by the European Union's Eurofound Foundation in 2012 and was included among the World Bank's good practices in 2014. In 2022, the Foundation was granted consultative status in the United Nations' Economic and Social Council. The services of the Parents' House Family Center and Nursery Network are becoming available in more and more places

in the country and beyond our borders. Currently, five family centers and twenty family nurseries are awaiting families in Budapest. Budaörs, Diósd, Érd, and Győr. In 2015. Dénes Kemény established the Parents' House Foundation to continue representing the principles and goals of the Parents' House program in an organizational form. The foundation's charity program, Tegyél Jót! (Do Good!), provides assistance and support to children in state care and disadvantaged families. The main programs include the Mi Hangunk (Our Voice) project, the Szeress Egészségesen (Love Healthily) program, international exchange programs, family days,

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camps, a mentoring program, and various targeted thematic campaigns. At the KINCS Family-Friendly Settlements Expo, visitors to the Parents' House stand could learn about the Foundation's innovative domestic and international programs, with a special focus on their family and workplace nurseries,

which offer flexibility and security for working parents while allowing their children to develop in a community-oriented, loving environment. Meanwhile, the little ones were entertained with crafts, face painting, glitter tattoos, and games.

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## TATA AND REGION CIVIL ASSOCIATION

The Tata and Region Civil Association is a civil society umbrella organization in Tata. Its member associations include local organizations of cultural, social, nature conservation, and national associations. The membership is represented by delegates from the associations and association leaders. Their activities are an important social driving force in the cultural life of the city.



Continuous motivation is provided by the planning and implementation of rich and valuable programs. The aim of the association is to convey the values and traditions created by civil society initiatives to the people living in the region. They strive for more effective information and communication in public life, the joint representation of civil society organizations, the

broadening of social responsibility in the field of volunteering, and, last but not least, that those living here become more active in civil society life and civil society communities. Throughout the year, civil society organizations in Tata engage in a wide range of cultural, educational, and nature conservation activities, which culminate in a two-week event in September called Civil

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Society Days. The series of events is practically a barometer of the cultural community status of the city's civil society, the activity of its residents, and their social openness.

Over the past 22 years, hundreds of programs, presentations, and exhibitions have enriched the Civil Society Days' calendar. The diversity of the program series proves that it is worthwhile to join forces to draw attention to the activities of civil society organizations and to

jointly showcase the value that has been created through continuous community building. This work not only strengthens professional cooperation, but also continuously increases the popularity of the experiences enjoyed by families. The Tata and Region Civil Association also participated in the second Family-Friendly Settlements Expo, which was hosted by the city of Tata this year.

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#### KINDERGARTENS OF TATA

#### BARTÓK BÉLA KINDERGARTEN TATA

The Bartók Béla Kindergarten Tata is an inclusive institution that pays special attention to children with special educational needs. In addition, great emphasis is placed on talent development. The aim of the institution is to help children find their own happiness as independent individuals and members of a community. Their motto is: "The most we can give our children is roots and wings." (Goethe) The Bartók Béla Kindergarten Tata aims to provide security, acceptance and love to the youngest children and to teach them how to feel good in their first community and how to show and express their personality.

#### JUNIORKA FOUNDATION KINDERGARTENA

The Juniorka Foundation was established in 1995 to operate the Juniorka Foundation Kindergarten and the Juniorka Nursery. The institution provides education and development for preschoolers in four groups providing education, development, and loving care. One of the most important goals of the Juniorka Foundation Kindergarten is to create a loving, calm and accepting atmosphere, which requires adults to set a constant example. In the institution, developmental activities support the children's development in the morning, and in the afternoon, they can participate in optional programs. The institution also has a visual arts workshop run by a talent coordinator.

#### **GESZTI KINDERGARTEN TATA**

The Geszti Kindergarten Tata is characterized by a close-knit community, a direct, familiar atmosphere, good cooperation, cheerful programs, and learning experiences based on joyful experiences. The kindergarten provides comprehensive development for its pupils throughout the year, covering all areas. The focus is, of course, on the children's most important activity. play. Their logo, a green circle with chestnuts, symbolizes that as a green kindergarten, one of their most important tasks is to develop environmentally conscious thinking. Their goal is for the children who attend their kindergarten to flourish, be happy, and become mature and self-confident for school life.

#### KINCSESKERT KINDERGARTEN TATA

The Kincseskert Kindergarten Tata operates four groups and can accommodate up to 100 children. The groups are led by professionally trained and enthusiastic kindergarten teachers. They are assisted in their work by a special needs teacher, a kindergarten psychologist, special needs teaching assistants and nannies. The kindergarten has a beautiful and spacious playground where children can garden, observe insects, beetles and birds. Environmental sustainability and recycling are important to them and their primary goal is to shape environmental awareness and convey cultural values to the parental communities.

Physical development and cognitive development play a key role in their educational work.

#### KERTVÁROSI KINDERGARTEN TATA

The Kertvárosi Kindergarten Tata opened its doors to the children of Tata 50 years ago. One of the main tasks of the institution is educating children about the environment and places great emphasis on teaching environmentally conscious behavior. In recognition of their pedagogical work, they have twice been awarded the Green Kindergarten title and also hold the Bird-Friendly title. The staff have created a raised bed in

the kindergarten playground where the children can plant flowers in groups. Each group has its own flower garden, which the little ones plant and tend throughout the year, and the children also take care of the birds throughout the winter. The institution provides swimming lessons and folk dance classes for the children. They also consider it important to maintain contact with families. To this end, they organize creative afternoons where parents can for parents to talk, get parenting advice, and have a good time.

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#### YOU CAN TALK TO ME

The aim of the You Can Talk to Me (Velem Lehet Beszélgetni, VLB) initiative is to promote personal connections and everyday conversation, and to create an environment that facilitates communication, the playful development of the necessary skills, the deepening of self-awareness in communication, the transfer of communication-related information, and the signaling of openness to connection within a community, whether it be a family, workplace, school class, or a settlement.



Quality relationships, a sense of belonging and personal connections help maintain mental health, reduce feelings of loneliness, and encourage us to remain members of a community. The VLB initiative's programs are easily adaptable to any environment and can be flexibly tailored to the specific needs of participants. Their family manual, available to families, helps build quality family relationships, and their VLB school program includes a variety of school activities involving parents, teachers and



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students alike, such as class sessions, workshops, challenges and project days. Workplaces can be supported with communication-focused team-building training, thematic workshops, as well as situation assessments and consultations, while local governments can get involved in developing opportunities for building a broader community, which helps residents connect with

each other and spend their time in a meaningful way (e.g., VLB bench, communication trail). The You Can Talk to Me team presented these services at the Family-Friendly Settlements Expo, while children had the opportunity to try out their communication games.

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