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Welfare for Children

The City of Urasoe, like other municipalities in Japan, subsidizes many services for families with young children. Although not part of the official education system, these are government-run programs designed to lighten the burden of child rearing by providing child care services, financial assistance, and classes for parents.

Daycare Centers (Hoiku-sho 保育所)

Responsible Organization: **Infant Welfare Section (Hoiku-ka 保育課)**
 Urasoe City Hall, 2nd Floor
 Telephone: (098) 876-1234 (ext. 3626)

There are 32 certified daycare centers for children ages 5 months to 5 years old and 19 regional daycare centers for children ages 5 months to 2 years old. Although there are both public and corporate daycare centers, every center has the same mission, fees, and hours. Generally, center hours are from 7:00AM to 6:00PM, and their fees depend on the families' income.

Registration for daycare centers tend to open in the fall. Details about registration can be found in the October edition of the Urasoe monthly newsletter. While applications are accepted outside of the fall, please note that acceptance rates are low and your child will be placed on a waiting list. For families interested in registering their child into a daycare center, please consult the Infant Welfare Section at City Hall.

What to Bring for Application

- Personal Seal
- Proof of your individual number (Parent and Child)
- Approval for Acceptance Form and Daycare Center Registration Form
- Confirmation Form
- Confirmation Checklist and Necessary Documents Checklist
- Document Proving "Need for Daycare Services"

Only guardians that cannot provide care for their child at home can apply for registration (document proving guardian's need for daycare services required). Once the need for daycare services disappears, you will be unable to leave your child in daycare.












Documents Proving Guardians' Need for Daycare Services

Situation	Document
1. Employed or expecting employment	• Certification of Employment
2. Maternity leave	• Certification of Employment
3. Self-employed or working a side-job	• Proof of Self-Employment Form or Proof of Side-job Form
4. Expected delivery date	• Photocopy of Mother & Child Health Handbook
5. Guardian is ill	• Doctor's Note (for guardian or member of household)
6. Guardian is providing care to or nursing another family member	• Proof of Nursing or Family Care Form • Doctor's Note (for Nursing or Family Care) *Individuals who are certified to provide nursing must attach a photocopy of their "Proof of Insured Person for Long-term Care Insurance."
7. Recovering from a natural disaster	• Disaster Certification Form
8. Job hunting	• Job Hunting Confirmation Form (valid for 3 months)
9. Working student	• Proof of Enrollment or Class Schedule
10. Guardian or member of household has a mental or physical disability	• Photocopy of Physically Disabled Person's Handbook • Photocopy of Nursing Handbook • Photocopy of Mentally Disabled Person's Handbook *If available, please submit your Proof of Disability Pension.
11. Single parent households	• Certificate for Receiving Child Support Allowance • Photocopy of Certificate for Receiving Allowance for Single Parent Households For those without either form, please submit your Residence Certificate with a divorce date or Proof of Common-law Marriage
12. Households receiving welfare	• Certificate for Receiving Welfare *The Financial Assistance Section issues this certificate.



Youth Centers (Jidō Sentā 児童センター)

There are eleven Youth Centers in Urasoe for children ages 0-18. (Children ages four and under must attend events with a parent). These centers are places where children can play after school and on weekends in a supervised environment. Registration of your child is free, and all that is required is the completion of a registration form and a brief sign-in upon each visit. There are often planned events, such as dodge ball, picnics, small festivals, and sports competitions. The centers are a good place for your children to meet local Japanese kids. For specific information, please inquire at the center. Facilities usually include a library, video room, and gymnasium with basketball hoops, badminton, and ping-pong facilities.

 <p>Wakakusa Youth Center Wakakusa Jidō Sentā 若草児童センター</p> <p>Address: 3-44-1 Iso Telephone: (098) 877-0047</p>	 <p>Uchima Youth Center Uchima Jidō Sentā 内間児童センター</p> <p>Address: 3-28-12 Uchima Telephone: (098) 876-1502</p>	 <p>Nishihara Youth Center Nishihara Jidō Sentā 西原児童センター</p> <p>Address: 4-9-1 Nishihara Telephone: (098) 878-1766</p>
 <p>Kyozyuka Yuimaru Center Kyozyuka Yuimāru Sentā 経塚ゆいまるセンター</p> <p>Address: 1-17-1 Kyozyuka Telephone: (098) 876-4100</p>	 <p>Miyagigahara Youth Center Miyagigahara Jidō Sentā 宮城ヶ原児童センター</p> <p>Address: 2-4-1 Miyagi Telephone: (098) 876-1895</p>	 <p>Machinato Youth Center Machinato Jidō Sentā まちなと児童センター</p> <p>Address: 2-38-2 Makiminato Telephone: (098) 873-1898</p>
 <p>Urashirokko Youth Center Urashirokko Jidō Sentā 浦城っ子児童センター</p> <p>Address: 2-13-2 Iso Telephone: (098) 878-6815</p>	 <p>Mori-no-ko Youth Center Morinoko Jidō Sentā 森の子児童センター</p> <p>Address: 1-4-1 Jicchaku Telephone: (098) 874-7610</p>	 <p>Urasoegusuku Youth Center Urasoegusuku Jidō Sentā うらそえぐすく児童センター</p> <p>Address: 2-47-5 Nakama Telephone: (098) 874-0417</p>
 <p>Miyagi Kibo no Mori Community Center Miyagi Kibō no Mori Komyuniti Sentā みやぎ希望の森コミュニティセンター</p> <p>Address: 3-7-3 Miyagi Telephone: (098) 870-0227</p>	 <p>Maeda Yubushigaoka Youth Center Maeda Yubushigaoka Jidō Sentā 前田ユブシが丘児童センター</p> <p>Address: 323 Maeda Telephone: (098) 871-1558</p>	



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Financial Support

Responsible Organization: Child's Welfare Section (Kodomo Katei-ka こども家庭課)
 Urasoe City Hall, 2nd Floor
 Telephone: (098) 876-1234 (ext. 3611, 3612)

The Child's Welfare Section offers several types of financial assistance for families with young children. Benefits are limited to families with an income under a certain amount.

① Childcare Allowance (Jidō Teate 児童手当)

	Childcare Allowance (per month)
0 ~ 3 year olds	• Every child 15,000 yen
3 year olds ~ elementary school	• 1st child & 2nd child 10,000 yen • 3rd child and higher 15,000 yen
Junior high school	• Every child 10,000 yen
Income Limit	Households that exceed the income limit will receive 5,000 yen for every child. • 0 children (6.22 million yen) • 1 child (6.6 million yen) • 2 children (6.98 million yen) • 3 children (7.36 million yen) • 4 children (7.74 million yen) • 5 children (8.12 million yen)

If the qualifications for receiving benefits change due to child birth or moving into Urasoe, etc., you are required to apply directly at the Child's Welfare Section at City Hall to receive childcare allowance. Please apply within 15 days after giving birth or moving out, etc. You will be unable to receive allowance for months of late application.

Necessary Documents

- Personal Identification and Notification Card or Individual Number Card
- Personal Seal
- Photo copy of applicant's savings account bankbook and health insurance card

* Requirement of bankbook and health insurance card may vary depending on household situations

② Medical Expense Allowance for Infants and Children (Kodomo Iryōhi Josei こども医療費助成)

Applicable persons include guardians of children from 0 years old to junior high school, children enrolled in health insurance, and persons registered in the Urasoe Basic Residence Registry System.

Applicable Ages	Type of Coverage
0 years old ~ pre elementary school enrollment	• Outpatient Treatment & Hospitalization Fees
post elementary enrollment ~ pre junior high graduation	• Only hospitalization fees Cost of meals during hospitalization are not covered.

Necessary Documents for Certification to Receive Allowance

- Health Insurance Card (Applicable Child's card)
- Guardian's Savings Account Bankbook
- Personal Seal

Necessary Documents to Receive Allowance (When presenting medical receipts at City Hall)

- Health Insurance Card (Applicable Child's card)
- Receipt
- Personal Seal
- Allowance Certification Card
- Guardian's Savings Account Bankbook (only when there is a change in account)



③ Child Support Allowance (Jidō Fuyō Teate 児童扶養手当)

Financial support for children younger than 18 years old living in single-parent households and children not brought up by their parents. Children who bear a moderate or higher degree disability may receive financial support until they turn 20 years old.

General Requirements

- Approval for Allowance Form (Available at Child's Welfare Section)
- Personal Seal
- Residence Certificate (showing applicant and applicable child)
- Savings Account Bankbook
- Health Insurance Card (for applicant and applicable child)
- Pension Book
- Notification Card or Individual Number Card
- Others

* Necessary documents vary depending on the applicant's situation. Please consult with the Child's Welfare Section for details.

④ Medical Expense Allowance for Children in Single Parent Homes

(Boshi oyobi Fushi Katei nado Iryōhi Josei 母子及び父子家庭等医療費助成)

Financial support for children younger than 18 years old living in single-parent households and children not brought up by their parents.

	Hospitalization	Outpatient Treatment
Single-parent Households & Children without parents	○	○
* Applicable until the 31st of March after the child turns 18 years old		

Age	Hospitalization	Outpatient Treatment
0 years old ~ pre elementary school enrollment	× (Eligible for Medical Expense Allowance)	× (Eligible for Medical Expense Allowance)
Elementary school ~ pre junior high graduation	× (Eligible for Medical Expense Allowance)	○
Junior high graduation ~ 17 years old	○	○

Requirements for Application

* Necessary documents vary depending on the applicant's situation. Please consult with the Child's Welfare Section for the necessary documents



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Welfare for the Elderly

Responsible Organization: **Lively Old Age Support Division** (Ikiiki Kōrei Shien-ka いきいき高齢支援課)
Urasoe City Hall, 1st Floor
Telephone: (098) 876-1234 (ext. 3567)

Urasoe City provides several welfare services to allow elderly citizens to continue an independent lifestyle.

1. For persons caring for elderly persons (65 and older) at home
 - Provision of nursing supplies
 - Home-nursing compensation
2. For elderly persons (65 and older) living alone
 - Meal delivery service
 - Emergency report system
 - Welfare phone

There are set conditions applied when using these services. Please consult with the Lively Old Age Support Division for details.

Elderly residents 60 years and older who are looking for activities to participate in or are interested in finding new hobbies are able to take advantage of the various workshops and clubs being offered. Several facilities geared towards supporting the elderly are listed below.

Elderly Welfare Center (Rōjin Fukushi Sentā 老人福祉センター)

Address: 1-1-2 Ahacha, Urasoe (Inside the Central Community Center (Chūō Kōminkan 中央公民館))
Telephone: (098) 879-5501

Regional Welfare Center (Chiiki Fukushi Sentā 地域福祉センター)

Address: 2-18-2 Nakama, Urasoe
Telephone: (098) 878-1478

Kariyushi Center (Kariyushi Sentā かりゆしセンター)

Address: 4-11-8 Nishihara, Urasoe
Telephone: (098) 871-1616

