



**Little children – little rights?  
What is colorful and has no staff?  
Dead end - shortage of educators!**

**These are some of the protest banners that could be seen everywhere in Brandenburg, on the first KiTAKOLLAPS day of action in May 2023. And now it continues: On May 15, 2024, parents, educators, daycare providers and many committed people will once again draw attention to problems daycare is facing in Brandenburg, hosting a variety of campaigns.**

What began on May 15, 2023 will continue exactly one year later. The situation in Brandenburg's daycare centers and after-school care centers has not improved! There still is a lack of educators, there still is a shortage of trainees, thousands of children and their families are still waiting for a place in daycare. There is still no plan for a reformed daycare law with clear requirements for quality standards and their financing. In many places, the daycare system in Brandenburg is still on the brink of collapse.

**The KiTAKOLLAPS alliance is an association of parent representatives, Welfare associations and daycare providers. Together we are committed to:**

- Higher quality of education and care for children,
- Better training and working conditions for educators,
- More daycare places, planning based on children's needs,
- Better staffing of daycare centers.

**Adequate financing with a new, future-oriented daycare law, clear guidelines, among other things, on quality standards – and staffing based on the children's needs, are a prerequisite.**

Join the KiTAKOLLAPS action day! Families, daycare educators, managers and providers, what action will you take on May 15th? Here are some great ideas from last year to inspire you:

- Daycare centers and their families may opt for a KiTAKOLLAPS closing day or shorten the opening hours on that day in protest. Convince parents to consciously take time off work - and also communicate the reasons to employers: Reliable daycare is an important part of today's economy, as it allows caregivers to go to work. It also plays a huge role in our education system and builds the foundations for our future society and work-force.
- Join hands with other daycare centers and institutions in your area for a demonstration, or a flash mob, for example at town hall or the district administration.
- If your daycare center stays open, design and set up visible posters, signs and banners on your building and fences to show your protest. Invite families for a creative session and use the opportunity to talk about the problems your institution is facing and how families can help you demand change.
- Plan a central event in your village, town or city to draw even more attention – invite families, employers, local politicians, city council and parliament members and talk to citizens in your community.

**The needs of children, families and educators must be considered!  
Fight with us for a better future for our children. The quality of early childhood education and support for families must be given top priority. Together we are strong.**

All information can be found at [www.kitakollaps.de](http://www.kitakollaps.de)

