

The housing advice centre for seniors in Pforzheim

- Responsible organization: Kreissenioorenrat Pforzheim (NGO)
- centre gives advice to seniors in Pforzheim and in the region Enzkreis
- since 20 years
- adviser: Mrs. Überall-Schultze



The aims of housing advice

- to stay in the own living area as long as possible
- maintaining long-established contacts to family, neighbours and friends.
- make care/nursing possible/easier
- prevent or delay moving into nursing homes

Tools of advising

1. general information about supporting means, financial aspects, ... (at the office or in hospital)
2. further contacts to check concrete possibilities of customizing flat and furniture (sometimes with the help of an architect)
3. financial aspects (own money, health insurance)
4. support in the concrete implementation

Examples



What you need to do this work

- empathy for the client's living situation
- consulting skills
- knowledge of conducting talks
- manually and technically skilled
- basic knowledge of medicine and nursing
- **to accept the decisions of the client**

a little cost comparison

A married couple lives in a house together with their daughter whose task it is to take care of the parents. Mr W is on care level III, his wife on care level I.

Together they obtain an old-age pension of	1,145,-- €
plus care allowance total	910,-- €

	2,055,-- €

Costs for adaptation of living area:

Reimbursement of craftsmen cost:	4,800,-- €
One-time allowance from public health care	2,557,-- €
One-time assumption of costs by social assistance office	2,243,-- €

Cost example for nursing home accommodation:

Costs for nursing home	5,288,-- €		
minus care allowance:		2,533,-- €	
minus old-age pension:		1,145,-- €	3,678,--€
plus social welfare:			1,610,-- €
			19,320,-- € p.a.

Cost saving after successful adaptation of living area:

For public health care: per month 1,623,-- € = 19,476,-- € p.a.

For the social assistance office: per month 1,610,-- € = 19,320,-- € p.a.

If the married couple keeps on living in their domestic environment,

this saves **38,796,-- € of public money per year**

...and the most important thing:

We hope that seniors are living more satisfied and self-determined for a longer time, in the best case, until the end of their lives.

This is our motivation.

Thank you for your attention !