



**Most effective family support instruments
intended to ensure best conditions for raising
children introduced in Poland**

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Family 500 Plus Programme

- Three main goals of Family 500+ Programme
 - Increase in the number of births
 - Reduce poverty among Polish children
 - Invest in the family in a wide sense



Family 500 Plus Programme

- Monthly benefit of PLN 500 (~EUR 117) for each second and next child in the family; for the first child after meeting income criterion
- Programme scale:
 - 3.7 million eligible children = **54% all children until the age of 18**
 - **PLN 8,846 (~EUR 2077)** average monthly support per family *in 2017*
- Programme results:
 - **Reduction of extreme poverty among persons aged 0-17** from 9% in 2015 to 4.7% in 2017
 - **Increase in the number of births** by 19.7 thousand in 2017 compared with 2016, increase of TFR from 1.29 in 2015 to 1.46 in 2017



Good Start Programme

One-off benefit of **PLN 300 (~EUR 70)**
for each child at school for the expenses related to the
beginning of the school year for **4.6 million pupils**

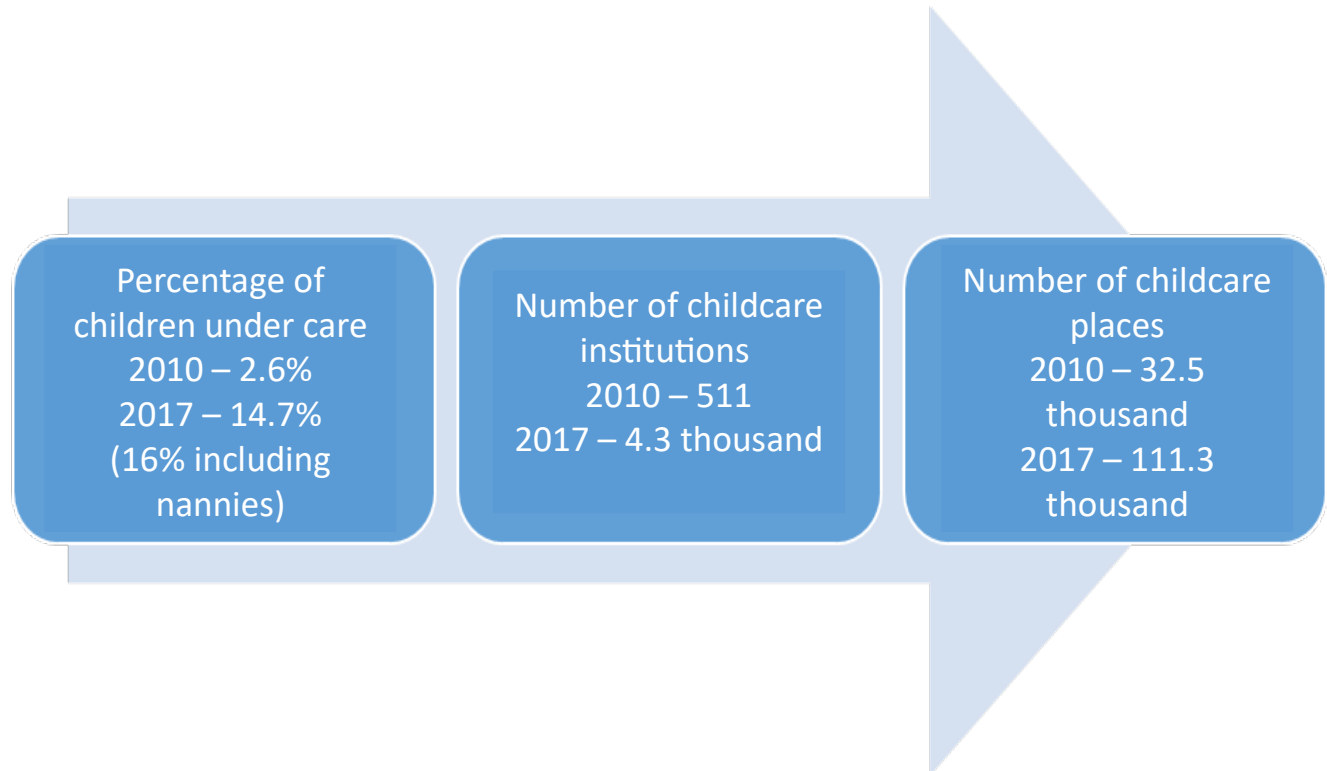
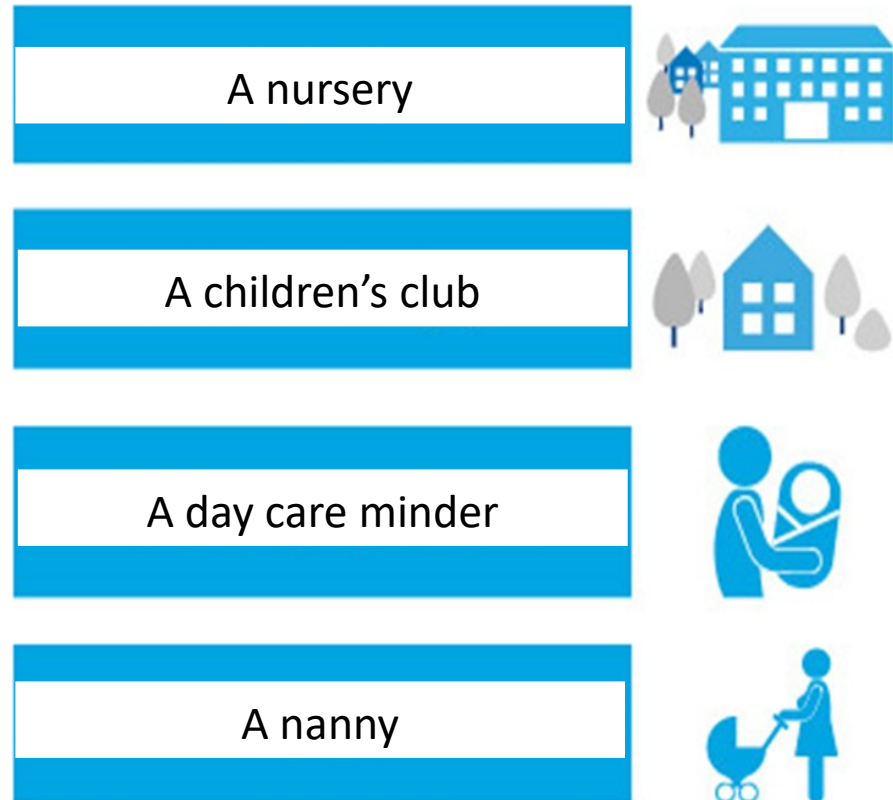


TODDLER Plus Programme [Maluch Plus]

- **The Programme offers financial support for organisers of childcare**
- In 2018, **the funds for the TODDLER/MALUCH Plus Programme were tripled to PLN 450 million** (*more than 104 mln EUR*) that is by PLN 300 million (*70 mln EUR*) more than in 2017, which will allow for creating approx. 24.5 thousand places and co-financing approx. 56 thousand childcare facilities.
- **Programme results:**
 - Increase in the number of childcare institutions in 2011-2017 from 571 to 4.2 thousand, including **in the years 2015-2017 from 2.9 thousand to 4.2 thousand.**
 - Increase in the number of places in such institutions in 2011-2017 from 32 thousand to 111.3 thousand, including **in the years 2015-2017 from 83.9 thousand to 111.3 thousand.**
 - Increase in the percentage of children up to 3 years of age in institutional care in 2011-2017 from 4.4% to 16%, including in the years 2015-2017 **by almost one-third, from 12.4% to 16%.**



Forms of childcare for children up to 3 years of age





Karta Dużej Rodziny [Large Family Card, LFC]

- Since January 2018, LFC has also taken the form of a mobile app.
- Number of families with LFC – 448.6 thousand
- Number of parents/spouses of parents with LFC – 847 thousand
- Number of children having an LFC – 1.47 million
- As of January 2019, parents who have ever had 3 children, will also be eligible for the LFC.