Welcome to the Early Years and Childcare Bulletin.
All information should be accessible through direct links, ensuring easy access and up to date information.

Please circulate this EY Bulletin to all staff and Committee members so that all EY providers are aware of new updates and key information, both locally and nationally.

The Northamptonshire EY Website is available for information on funding, the early years foundation stage (EYFS) and teaching resources and training.

Early years and childcare

To find us on Facebook follow: Northamptonshire Early Years Improvement Team Facebook
News, Alerts and Updates for all EY Providers

Please find the details to the new Early Years Provider Forum Events in the ‘Current Training Opportunities’ section.

Unfortunately the date has had to be changed for the first session, and revised details are in that section below.

Early Help Triage Clinics (Repeat Article)

FAQ: Early Help Co-ordinators
From: Children First Northamptonshire (CFN)

Early Help Coordinators organise early help triage clinics to offer 20-30 minute appointment slots for discussion around families with EHAs where you feel ‘stuck’ and seek information, advice, and guidance. There will also be a Senior Practitioner attending from the 0-19 Targeted Support Team.

Please find below links for forthcoming triage events at Thorplands Children's Centre. Alternative dates and venues will be published in future bulletins.

Dependant on the number of responses, these may need to be fast paced. If you feel you would prefer a longer discussion then we would suggest you contact a duty early help coordinator via earlyhelpadvice@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk.

Please follow the links below to secure your appointment.

6th June at Thorplands Children's Centre
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/6th-of-june-early-help-clinic-tickets-55507366026

20th September at Thorplands Children's Centre
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/20th-september-early-help-clinic-tickets-55507880565

28th November at Thorplands Children's Centre
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/28th-november-early-help-clinic-tickets-55509893586

Current Training Opportunities

Early Years Provider Forum Events

Change of date

Unfortunately we need to rearrange the provider meeting scheduled for 9th May at 2.30 in Kettering. This is because Sharon Muldoon is attending a family member’s funeral and Deb Mahon is attending the funeral of a member of her team. We do not want to have to rearrange but you will understand that in this situation this is unavoidable. The rearranged date is 16th May at 13.30 at the Corn Market hall in Kettering. We will contact those that have already booked onto the 9th May in regards to the new date.
Revised Information

There are 6 EY Provider Events planned and arranged over the next few months. These are scheduled in Northampton and Kettering at different times of the day so as to be accessible for the EY Sector. Please be aware that the content of the following meetings will be the same in Kettering as in Northampton, so EY Providers will only need to book on once for Session 1 in either Northampton or Kettering. This will also apply for the Session 2 meetings and the Session 3 meetings:

Session 1 – includes EYWFD122a or EYWFD122b Courses

**Agenda for these 2 meetings to include:**

- Review of funding allocation process - lessons learnt
- Payment process
  - update from task and finish group
  - implementing funding block deprivation payments
  - update on payment of monies owed to providers
- Discussion regarding payment schedules including implementing change from monthly to funding block payment for some providers, including consultation with all sectors
- Opportunities for future joint working and key priorities for the provider group
- Key Local and National EY Updates

Session 2 - includes EYWFD122c or EYWFD122d – Session 2 Kettering or Northampton

Session 3 – includes EYWFD122e or EYWFD122f – Session 3 Kettering or Northampton

EY Settings will not be able to book more than one place on each set of the Sessions to ensure that as many settings as possible can attend the meetings in Kettering and Northampton.

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Supporting EY Providers with using the EY Funding Portal

The first training sessions covering the basic use of the EY Portal for new providers and a refresher session for current providers took place recently.

The bitesized session covered:

- Logging In and Passwords
- Receiving Portal Messages
- Entering the Headcount and personal details for children
- Submitting the Headcount
- Time to ask FAQs

Places are currently limited, and we are only able to allocate one place per setting to allow for as many different settings as possible to attend. **These sessions will also support development of some detailed screenshots of the Portal workings and FAQ which will be available for all providers.**

To register your interest, please email earlyyearsimprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk and confirmation will be sent to you, if spaces are still available.

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Working with parents to support children’s early language outcomes

This half day course is for early year’s practitioners and communication champions who are passionate about developing children’s speech, language and communication skills. It will give you an understanding of typical language development and the opportunity to explore factors that impact on children’s speech, language and communication. The training will enable you to discuss the crucial role of parents and will equip you with tools, ideas and strategies to disseminate as a training package to parents back in your setting.

Maximum of 2 delegates per setting)

(Participants to attend one session only)

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Online safety

The UK Safer Internet Centre are back by popular demand. In June they are running 2 free, online safety sessions one in Kettering and one in Northampton. The sessions are aimed at any one that works with young people from DSLs to social workers.

Select one of the links to find out more or email onlinesafety@northamptonshire.gov.uk for more information.
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<td>East Northamptonshire Council&lt;br&gt;Cedar Drive&lt;br&gt;Thrapston&lt;br&gt;NN14 4LZ</td>
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The Northamptonshire Early Education Partnership offers professional development opportunities for all Practitioners and Teachers, NQT’s, Managers, Owners and HLTA’s working across the EYFS in Schools and Early Years settings.

Summer Programme Opportunities
These sessions are £40 per person to attend. If you book two training sessions you can attend the network meeting for FREE. To book please email; delegates name, setting and session preference to booking@nnsp.co.uk

Effective group times  Fri 24th May, 6.00-8.00pm
Croyland Nursery School, Wellingborough
(10 places)

Supporting children with their speech and language. Weds 12th June, 1.00-3.00pm
Ronald Tree Nursery School, Kettering
(6 places)

Effective planning for children in the Early Years, Mon 17th June, 5.00-7.00pm
Gloucester Nursery School, Northampton
(10 places)

Supporting children with EAL, Tues 18th June, 4.00-6.00pm
Highfield Nursery School, Wellingborough
(8 places)

Positive behaviour management – strategies, Tues 25th June, 1.00-2.00pm
Wallace Road Nursery School, Northampton
(4 places)

Supporting children’s early reading and writing, Tues 25th June, 5.00-7.00pm
Croyland Nursery School, Wellingborough
(10 places)

Observation, assessment and planning – the cycle, Tues 27th June, 1.15-3.15pm
Parklands Nursery School, Northampton
Network Gatherings – “Learning through outdoor play”

These sessions are £10 per person to attend and suitable for all professionals that work with young children, in any capacity. To book please email; delegates name, setting and session preference to booking@nnsp.co.uk

These network meetings will be practical based in which you can see real examples of learning experiences that promote all aspects of learning, including Literacy. We also ask that you bring something to use in your setting you are proud of to share as part of a professional discussion. The will also be a focus on outdoor literacy (bring your coat)

Wednesday 8th May - 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Parklands Nursery School, Northampton

Wednesday 8th May - 6.00pm to 7.30pm, Croyland Nursery School, Wellingborough

Monday 13th May - 1.15pm to 3.15pm, Gloucester Nursery School, Northampton

Tuesday 14th May - 6.00pm to 7.30pm, Parklands Nursery School, Northampton

If you book two training sessions you can attend the network meeting for FREE.

The new NIMP (Northamptonshire Inclusion and Mentoring Partnership.)
No membership fees – simple ‘pay as you go’ cluster meetings and focussed SEND training.

2019 NIMP Cluster meetings.

| Summer | 13/05/2019  
| Kettering and Corby  
| Attachment  
| Trainer: Ellie Collar  
| Venue: Zig Zag Day Nursery, United reformed Church, Charles Street, Corby. (Car park- directly opposite the nursery off Elizabeth Street.)  
| 20/05/2019  
| Northampton  
| Role of the Senco supporting the key person  
| Trainer: Abigail Pearson.  
| Venue: Headlands Primary school  
| w/c 10/6/2019 tbc  
| Daventry and the South  
| Attachment  
| Trainer: Ellie Collar  
| Venue: Holborne House Day Nursery  
| 04.06.2019  
| Higham Ferrers and East Northants  
| Role of the Senco supporting the key person  
| Trainer: Abigail Pearson  
| Venue: Little Steps Day Nursery, Higham Ferrers  

Focussed ½ day SEND training

10/05/2019 Applying for High Needs Funding  
Trainer Rachael Hutchinson
Wellingborough Museum
9.00 – 12.00

For the focused training sessions book your place at info@nimp.org.uk and pay £30.00 per person by following the payment details on the website.

Summer Placements 2019

Applications are now being sought from organisations who can provide a short break of up to 7 days per child during the 2019 summer school holiday for children or young people aged 5 to 18 years. These breaks will be specialist additional breaks to support disabled children and their families. In other words, short breaks services are over and above the universal services available to all families. These could range from a school summer holiday scheme to a one day event or series of events. All breaks should take place within the Northamptonshire school summer holiday, that is 25 July 2019 – 30 August 2019 for a daily period of 6 hours or more per day.

The application form is attached. If you are interested in providing the short breaks as above please complete and return this to R Ellis electronically by 10 May. Late applications will not be accepted. All applications will then be reviewed after taking into account the services offered, the costs incurred and the available budget to support these applications. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their applications as soon as possible.

If you are unable to open this document or have any queries please contact Richard Ellis rellis@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

National Portage Workshop

We are pleased to be able to offer another National Portage Workshop starting in June. This course will run over 2 full days and a half day, with a follow up half day in Sep. All sessions must be attended to achieve accreditation.

Delegates can attend the course for their own professional development or as part of the Portage Stamp of Approval. The National Portage Association (NPA) Stamp of Approval Scheme is an award given to early year's settings who have demonstrated they deliver inclusive early years education based upon Portage Principles. See www.portage.org.uk for further information on the Portage Stamp of Approval.

Places will be offered both from within Northamptonshire (subsidised at a cost of £50 per delegate) and nationally.

Places are limited for this course so early booking is recommended. To book, please follow this link. Nb please make sure you book onto Portage Workshop 1 to get this subsidised price.

Dates for the course:

Friday 28th June 2019 from 9.00am - 4.30 pm
Friday 5th July 2019 from 9.00am - 4.30 pm
Thursday 11th July 2019 from 9.00am - 12.30 pm
Friday 6th September 2019 from 9.00am - 12.30 pm

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-portage-association-portage-workshop-1-local-delegates-northamptonshire-tickets-60922041466?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

**Northamptonshire Educational Psychology Service**

The Northamptonshire Baby Room Project© – Practitioner’s Courses 2019-2020

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If a place is cancelled within one month of course start a £50 cancellation fee will apply.

The practitioner course: three half day sessions, each a month apart fostering reflective practice.

Babies’ brain development; Babies’ Emotional Development; and Babies’ Playing and Laughing

Each session combines: Quizzes, DVDs, Group discussion, A baby’s journey, Making easy resources.

It is highly desirable that two people from each setting attend.

**Booking contact**

Veronica Lawrence, Specialist Senior Educational Psychologist - Early Years

vlawrence@northamptonshire.gov.uk

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How to sign up to receive the EY Bulletin

If you wish to receive the Early Years Bulletin please complete this online form. The contact details you provide on this form will only be used to send you the Early Years Bulletin and updates.

Contacting NCC Teams

The e-mail addresses below will take you directly to the teams identified, so if you have a specific request e.g. training or a Funding enquiry, if you use the e-mail identified, you will connect straight to that team.

Early Years Improvement Team
earlyyearsimprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

You can also e-mail this address if you need urgent advice from a Setting Improvement Contact within this team as staff will allocate your enquiry as soon as possible.

Early Years Workforce Development Team (for enquiries about training and qualifications)
EarlyYearsWorkForce@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

For all questions about Free Childcare and Education for 2 Year olds and Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds and 30 Hours...

…Please click on the direct links below for the following information and documents.

Claiming Funding for Free childcare and education for 2 year olds and Free entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds and 30 Hours Childcare

If your questions cannot be answered from the website, please contact:
earlyyears@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

For advice, or for open cases where the child already has an allocated social worker contact: Telephone: 0300 126 1000

Designated Officer (DO) referral process.

Please refer to the tea break guide on the NSCB website:
All referrals should be sent to MASH in the first instance unless it is a consultation and then it can be sent directly to the DO inbox. LADOREferral@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Settings can telephone the DO to discuss an allegation before putting in a referral.

The DO will be available for telephone consultations from 9-10a.m., an Administrator will take messages at other times.

Designated Officer Administrator - 01604 364031
Designated Officer Andy Smith - 01604 367862
Designated Officer Christine York - 01604 362633

If you have any issues opening a link in this bulletin, this EY Bulletin is also on the website.