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

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Current Training Opportunities

Out of School Provision Special Educational Needs and Disability Training

This course is for Out of School Providers, Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENCo) and Inclusion Co-ordinators/Managers but would be relevant to all practitioners who work with children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), in out of school provision. It covers the responsibilities for OOS providers to meet the requirements of the SEND code of practice 2015 0-25. It also aims to help practitioners consider how best to support children in their care who have an identified special educational need or disability. It covers the processes and paperwork that document the graduated approach and consequently improve transitions between school and setting in order to support the best outcomes for children.

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Information briefing session for Childminders

This bite size training is for childminders who are supporting families who need extra help. It is designed to support practitioners with the referral pathway to targeted support and gives practical ideas and tools to use within their practice to support the more vulnerable child.

This two hour session is designed to enable childminders to explore the referral routes to accessing early help support. Delegates will hear all about Signs of Safety methodology and learn how they can use the tools within their practice to support vulnerable children and families. This session is fully funded but limited to one delegate per childminder.

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EYFS Profile Moderation Agreement Trialling and Training for Reception teachers 2019

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Training and Agreement Trialling is for practitioners responsible for the completion of the EYFS Profile. During training, exemplifications of national standards are used to ensure national consistency with regards to the principles and processes of EYFS Profile assessment and the accuracy of judgements.

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**Early Years Funding Portal training for Childminders**

An evening session of portal training has been arranged for Childminders on Wednesday 6th March from 7 – 8.30pm.

The session will cover: Logging In and Passwords; Receiving Portal Messages; Entering the Headcount and personal details for children; Submitting the Headcount; Time to ask FAQs

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

**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.**

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**Early Help and Signs of Safety**

A two hour bitesize course designed to enable Designated Safeguarding Leads and Practitioners to explore the referral routes to accessing early help support. Delegates will hear all about Signs of safety methodology and learn how they can use the tools within the setting to support vulnerable children and families. This session is fully funded but limited to one delegate per setting.

Delegate Feedback:-

- *Build on my knowledge and confidence with knowing what I could do to support families.*
- *Great to share experience and get positive advice/comments. Very interesting.*
- *I will not only use the mapping with EHA, but will apply it to the settings practice and for parents who need extra help with their child’s learning*
- *Will put the flow chart on the staff wall to use as a go to guide.*
- *Feedback to staff in my setting, will use at child progress meetings.*

Places are limited to one booking per setting.

**SENCo support for childminders**

We have received feedback that some childminders are not aware that they can access SENCo support from the Early Years Improvement team.

There are Childminding Consultants who will be able to provide you with information, support and advice on inclusive practice for children with Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to help you to respond to and meet the diverse needs of children in your care.

Please contact earlyyearsimprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

**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.

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For cluster meetings book your place at info@nimp.org.uk and pay £5.00 per person on the night for your SEND cluster training.

**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.

**University of Northampton**

Please open the embedded article to see information about Early Years Information Sessions on 27th February 2019.

**Solihull Approach**

**Solihull Approach**

2 day Foundation Course for practitioners who work with very young children up to adolescents in a range of settings.
Cost: £187 per participant – includes FREE resource pack per participant worth £76, while stocks last.

5th Mar & 19th Mar 2019 – Northampton

Please indicate whether you prefer a School Age or The First Five Years resource folder at the time of booking.

The Solihull Approach is a nationally recognised and locally endorsed theoretical approach to working with children and their families that enhances team working within and across services. It focuses attention on promoting the emotional well-being and mental health in infants, children, adolescents and families.

The Solihull Approach draws on theories of psychotherapy, child development, including attachment and behaviourism, and brings them together in a practical way. As part of the course participants will view video footage and discuss baby brain development. The model integrates the concepts of Containment; Reciprocity and Behaviour Management into a reflective model that informs practice. It supports practitioners in their work with children and families and helps parents and carers to understand their child. It provides a framework for thinking about children’s behaviour that develops practice and consistent approaches across agencies and within services.

This training is supported by the Northamptonshire Young Healthy Minds Partnership. The Solihull Approach is one of the Building Blocks for Mentally Healthy Schools at the Essential Foundations Level within the Northamptonshire TaMHS Programme. Certification upon completion is accredited by the Solihull Approach training organisation.

In order to maximise the development of the approach in your setting, a member of your senior management team should be (or have been) one of the staff attending this training.

Solihull Approach Parenting Group Facilitation

4th April 2019 9:30am to 4:00pm
Northampton
Cost: £167 per participant

This is a one day training course for practitioners who intend to run a Solihull Approach parenting group in a community based setting such as a Children’s Centre, health clinic, school or family centre. The Solihull Approach Parenting Programme is an evidence based parenting programme that is recognised by the Children’s Workforce Development Council and is awarded the national CANparent Quality Mark for parenting courses. It aims to help parents reflect on their own and their child’s feelings and how these can impact on behaviour. By so doing it aims to enhance understanding, improve communication and perspective taking. This empowers parents and leads to more effective management of their child’s behaviour. The parenting programme runs over 10 weeks. It is suitable for parents who have universal to complex needs and children from birth to 18 years of age.

All potential Solihull Approach Parent Programme facilitators must have completed the Solihull Approach Foundation training and already be familiar with using the Solihull Approach in their practice.

This course is suitable for all practitioners who are a member of the children’s workforce in Northamptonshire.
Communication Channels

Facebook Page Link

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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 including information on:

• Eligibility

NB: In order to run one or more Solihull Approach ‘Understanding your child’s behaviour’ groups for parents, trained facilitators will need to purchase a £91 Parenting Group Facilitators’ Manual.

For applying for one or more places, please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/tamhs
- Funding Rates
- Headcount day information
- Parental contract
- Funding information sheet
- Provider calendar

If your questions cannot be answered from the website, please contact:

earlyyears@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

**The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)**

The MASH can advise on whether a family needs early help or whether they meet the threshold for statutory child protection. To make a referral to the MASH please use the multi-agency referral form:

[How to sign up to complete the MASH referral form (Word 128KB)]

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

**Email:** MASH@northamptonshire.gcsx.gov.uk

**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.