Childminder Early Years Training Programme

Term 3 – Summer
April - July 2019
Welcome

Welcome to the Summer term training programme for childminders. We are pleased to continue to offer FREE*, high quality face to face and elearning training courses to support your continued professional development.

Regular attendance at courses will support you in maintaining and developing a quality childminding service and will help ensure you are meeting current Ofsted requirements.

This term we are sharing good practice and inspiration from Durham childminder Susan; thank you Susan for taking part! We also have an exciting new course in June; exploring brain development in the early years, and as always we have our very popular and essential safeguarding courses.

We are continuing with our focus on communication and language in the early years by launching our 2019 pledge to close the word gap in County Durham. We would love to see as many childminders as possible joining our call for action! For more information see page 11.

We also welcome Professor Robert Winston to Durham, as he joins our Pedagogies of Care – Durham baby conference, as keynote speaker. Don’t forget to book your place using your provider portal account and code EYFS337.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to professional development and self-improvement. We always welcome your comments and suggestions on the kind of courses that you would like to see.

Best wishes
Helen

*Training is delivered free of charge for childminders within the County Durham Local Authority, unless otherwise stated in the course outline.
Bookings

To book a place please use your provider portal account. If you are not registered with the provider portal email eywfd@durham.gov.uk for assistance.

You will receive an email confirming your allocation of place approximately two weeks prior to the course date. Please contact us if you do not receive a reply from us. Your place is not guaranteed until you have received confirmation.

For enquiries please telephone 03000 267 903 (please note, no bookings can be taken over the telephone).

Cancellation policy and charges

All cancellations must be made in writing by email or letter. Any cancellations made with less than 24 hours-notice will be charged at £50 per person.

If we need to cancel a course (for example, due to inclement weather) we will contact you as soon as possible.
## Serious case reviews (SCR) - what have we learnt? (CMD420)

**Course outline**
An SCR is undertaken by Durham Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) where:

* A child dies or is seriously harmed and
* Abuse or neglect is known or suspected and
* Concerns are known about how organisations of professionals worked together to protect the child.

This workshop is designed to share the important lessons learnt from recent SCRs held in Durham and how these may impact on your work as a childminder. Practitioners attending this course must have completed a level 2 safeguarding course within the last three years.

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## Level 2 safeguarding systems and processes (CMD421)

**Course outline**
Building on the Level 1 safeguarding training, this course is designed to support you in developing an understanding of the processes, principles, roles and responsibilities outlined in national and local guidance for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

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## Safeguarding children with additional needs (CMD422)

**Course outline**
This course will support you to recognise the increased vulnerability of children with additional needs and to understand how to take forward any safeguarding concerns. We will explore how attitudes and assumptions about SEN or additional needs can act as barriers in the safeguarding system and how practitioners need to work robustly together to support children and their families. Practitioners attending this course must have completed a level 2 safeguarding course within the last three years.

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### Brain waves in the early years

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### How 2 year olds tick - characteristics

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<th>This course explores the characteristics of effective learning and focuses on what you need to be able to provide quality teaching and learning. It will be a mix of reflective tasks, discussion and will give you practical techniques to implement within your own home.</th>
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Pass it on!

Durham childminders sharing good practice and inspiration with other Durham childminders. A chat with Susan, childminder in Consett.

Something that makes me proud as a childminder...

I get a tremendous feeling of pride when I see how children have developed and grown in confidence and ability during their time with me. I love it when I meet now grown-up minded children and they tell me they remember the good times we had at my house and the happy memories we shared. I am especially proud when those grown-up children come back to ask me to care for their children.

One tip I would like to share with other childminders...

Don’t feel guilty about taking time for yourself even if it’s an hour at the hairdressers, gym or getting your nails done on Saturday morning. Preferably something that takes you out of your workplace where you can wind down for a couple of hours.

A course I would recommend and why...

I’ve recently started the Solihull Approach course and I’m finding it fascinating. It’s mainly about brain development in young children and I would highly recommend it. I also really look forward to the winter and summer events. I love the workshops, they are such fun and informative, and enable me to recap on things. We are also given a beautiful lunch and it’s nice to meet up with childminders I haven’t seen for a while.

Most special childhood memory...

I am the fourth youngest of my siblings and I was quite a surprise to my mum and dad; there is a 15 year gap between me and my next sibling. My older brothers and sisters all got married in the same year so I was bridesmaid three times in a short space of time. I remember all that summer acting the wedding ceremonies out, wearing my bridesmaids dresses, picking flowers from my dad’s garden for the bouquets. I still remember the smell of the freesia and to this day they are still my favourite flower.

A special thanks to Alice, Harry and Susan for taking part!
Funded places and checking eligibility

Universal entitlement

All children are entitled to 15 funded hours per week (for the equivalent of 38 weeks per year) from the term following their third birthday. No check is required for this entitlement apart from seeing proof of age.

Two year old entitlement (Free play and learn)

Qualifying 2 year olds are entitled to 15 funded hours per week (for the equivalent of 38 weeks per year) from the term following their second birthday. It can be offered by any registered provider with an Ofsted judgement of Good or above.

Parents will need to show you proof of eligibility before they can be offered a funded place. This can be in the form of a letter from the Local Authority, a Golden Ticket, or a 6 digit code. Parents receive the 6 digit code after completing an eligibility check themselves via the parent portal and this can be verified through the provider portal.

30 hour entitlement (30 hours free childcare)

The 30 hours free childcare for working parents started in September 2017. It can be offered by any registered provider with an Ofsted judgement of Requires Improvement or above. It is important that you update your information on the Families Information Service (FIS) website www.countydurhamfamilies.info to let parents know that you are offering either all or part of the 30 hours.

More details on these entitlements and checking processes can be found on the FIS website at: www.countydurhamfamilies.info
Claiming for funded places

All funded places are now claimed through the provider portal. If you want to provide funded places you will need to register as a funded provider with the Early Years Funding Team. To do this, email us on childcare@durham.gov.uk for a form to provide basic details for the initial set up. Training can be given for the provider portal. Detailed instructions as well as deadline dates can be found on the For providers section of the FIS website at: www.countydurhamfamilies.info

Local Offer

The Local Offer is our register to directory for families with children who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND). Providers who offer services for children with SEND will show on the FIS website with a Local Offer tick. To get a Local Offer tick on your record login and answer the questions about SEND - tell us about any experience or training you have had, or whether you would like to work with children with SEND. If you need any help with this contact FIS on 03000 269 995.
Safeguarding

elearning opportunities available via the LSCB website
Durham Local Safeguarding Children Board have a range of elearning courses available for you to access at a time to suit you.

To access the elearning courses go to www.durham-lscb.org.uk/professionals/training-programme/lscb-e-learning-courses/ and register to use the site.

You will be able to view, select and complete a range of elearning opportunities, such as:

- Awareness of child abuse and neglect - core (level 1)
- Safe sleeping for babies – reducing the risk of SIDS
- Safeguarding children with disabilities
- Risk assessment – understanding risk assessment when working with children, young people and families

Early years email threat protocol

A protocol has been put in place for early years providers to follow in the event of receiving an email threat. All providers should have received this protocol now, please contact 03000 268916 if you haven’t yet received this. Please add earlyyearssafetyalert@durham.gov.uk to your contacts. This is the email address we will use to send you any information we receive and need to alert you about in the event of an email threat to Durham schools or early years settings.
FREE safe and wellbeing visits by County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service

The Early Years team are pleased to be working with County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service to support childminders with fire safety in their home.

County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service are offering FREE safety and well-being visits to childminder’s homes, where crew members will advise on fire risks, safety measures and escape plans. The visit can also include fitting free fire alarms as required.

If you would like to arrange an appointment then please contact:

- 0845 2234221
- csenquiries@ddfire.gov.uk
- www.ddfire.gov.uk

HELP SAVE A LIFE - REFER A RELATIVE, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR
What is new?

Close the Word Gap – our pledge 2019

Children with strong foundations start school in a position to progress, but too many children fall behind early. We need to tackle development gaps, especially key early language and literacy skills.

2019 is the year County Durham Early Years join together to pledge to Close the Word Gap in County Durham.

Show your commitment by sharing with us what you are doing to Close the Word Gap in your setting and the difference it is making; be it every day routine things, small changes to practice or something larger scale. Don’t forget to include your parents – they have a role too!

We are developing a resource pack for those settings taking part. Please share your work with us on Facebook (@countydurhameyp) and we will be in touch!

Children’s book recommendations 2019!

This year we are sharing the love of children’s books by recommending favourites from across the sector on our Facebook page.

To view recommendations so far visit http://www.countydurhamfamilies.info/kb5/durham/fsd/article.page?id=P4qP1_eUz9M and to recommend yours email eywfd@durham.gov.uk

We would love to hear your favourite and why!
Save the dates!
National Awareness Days – some dates to inspire thinking around your planning this term and next!

**Summer**
- Family Safety Week – 1 April
- Sun Awareness Week – 13 May
- Learning at Work Week – 13 May
- Children’s Gardening Week – 25 May
- The Big Lunch – 1 and 2 June
- Child Safety Week – 3 June
- Children’s Art Week – 8 June

**Autumn**
- Recycling Week – 23 September
- Family Learning Festival – 1 October
- National Baking Week – 14 October
- Sugar Awareness Week – 11 November
- Nursery Rhyme Week – 18 November
- Road Safety Week – 19 November

Keep checking our Facebook page for more information.

**County Durham childminder briefing**
A bi-annual information briefing including national updates and current topics for childminders. The next briefing will take place on **Saturday 21 September 2019** at **9.30am** at **County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UJ**.
To reserve your place use your provider portal account, code CMD419

**County Durham SEND in the Early Years 2019**
After a very successful first event last year we are pleased to confirm the team are holding another information event this year!

A fun, drop-in event for families and professionals about the support available for children aged 0-5 with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities.
Science of Learning – what can we do better or different?

Join us at our first Science of Learning conference and launch of the second edition of the Oh to be 2! guidance.

The conference, for professionals working in the EYFS, includes a number of speakers from different backgrounds who will motivate and inspire their listeners by sharing their own experiences and knowledge around how children learn. An event with a difference that will encourage professionals to think outside the box!

Andy Cope – The Art of Being Brilliant!
Niki Buchan – Natural Learning Early Childhood Consultancy
Martin Pace – Reflections Nursery

The conference will take place on Friday 22 November 2019 at Durham Leadership Centre, Spennymoor, DL16 6YP, 9.30am to 3.30pm. To reserve your place please visit our products and services page. Search for ‘Science of Learning Conference’ and click ‘Show Form’ to enter your details. Places cost £110 per delegate. Lunch included.

https://www.civicaepay.co.uk/DurhamCountyEstore/estore/default/Catalog/Index

Childminder winter event 2019

This year we will continue to explore communication and language in the early years. We are delighted to announce our keynote speaker this year is Adam Bushnell; children’s author and huge advocate of children's writing!

The event will also include three exciting workshops to help support your professional development and meeting the requirements of Ofsted.

The event will take place on 9 November 2019 at Durham Leadership Centre, Spennymoor, DL16 6YP, 9.30am to 2.30pm.

To reserve your place use your provider portal account, code CMD425
Business support

We are on Facebook! 📱 @countydurhameyp
Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with information from the team.

Childcare hub

We’re pleased to provide access to a brand new online childcare hub, developed by early years specialists RedKite Innovations.

All childcare professionals within the Durham area are eligible for free registration. The childcare hub has various online courses, quick guides and tools to help support your childcare business in areas such as:

• Managing your finances effectively  
• How to market your services on a budget  
• Using social media to attract new customers  
• The differences between being a sole trader or a limited company

As you work through the courses you’ll develop your own action plan which will help you put what you have learned into practice.

New material will continue to be added throughout the year. RedKite are keen to hear your feedback on the resource and what else could be added to this so please contact us on the email below with your thoughts and insights. This site is for you and so let’s make it dynamic and focused on your needs.

You can find out more information and register for your free account at https://childcare.redratatree.com/durham/

If you have any difficulty in signing up please contact RedKite at help@redratatree.com
Don’t forget:

- A DBS check is required for everyone aged 16 or over who lives in your home.
- To update your safeguarding training at least every two years.
- To plan your paediatric first aid training before your certificate expires to ensure you are compliant with Ofsted’s requirements.
- To ensure you have public liability insurance and also business insurance for your vehicle if you transport childminded children.
- To sign up to the Early Years team FREE text information service to receive alerts to your mobile phone. Contact 03000 268916 for details.
- To look out for emails from earlyyearssafetyalert@durham.gov.uk. This is our new dedicated email for sending you urgent safety alerts from Durham Police.
- If you have any concerns around a child’s learning and development to contact the Early Years SEND and Equalities team for advice and support on 03000 268 921.
- To update your details on FIS to show you intend to offer 30 hours placements.
- To update your details on FIS to show you are supporting the Local Offer.
- To check the contents of your first aid box are in date.
- To ensure you have public liability insurance and also business insurance for your vehicle if you transport childminded children.
- To update your details on FIS to show you intend to offer 30 hours placements.
- To contact an adviser for support and guidance with your EYFS practice, Ofsted inspection or business advice telephone 03000 268 903.

Useful links:
- www.countydurhamfamilies.info
- www.foundationyears.org.uk
- www.durham-lscb.org.uk
- www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted
- www.childcarechoices.gov.uk
- www.pacey.org.uk
Are you making the most of your business?

Childcare providers can advertise for FREE with Families Information Service (FIS)

It’s easy to do - simply register at www.countydurhamfamilies.info

What are the benefits of advertising with FIS?

- Free registration and website presence - market your service to the right people at the right time.
- You’re in control - sign in to the website at any time to update your record.
- Stand out from the rest - upload images and documents.
- Promote that you offer funded places - including whether you offer the 30 hours free childcare, or 15 hours for two, three and four year olds.

What else can FIS offer?

For providers - support for professionals working with children and young people.

Local Offer - everything you need to know for 0-25 year olds with special educational needs and disabilities.

What’s on - find activities in your local area.

If you would like further information please call 03000 26 99 95

Please ask us if you would like this document summarised in another language or format.

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