



**Northamptonshire County Council
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Welcome to the Early Years Bulletin.

All information should be accessible through direct links, ensuring easy access and up to date information. Please circulate this EY Bulletin to staff members so that all EY providers are aware of new updates and key information both locally and nationally.

Please don't forget to access the Northamptonshire EY Website for information on funding, the early years foundation stage (EYFS) and teaching resources and training.

[Early years and childcare](#)

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Weekly News, Alerts and Updates for all EY Providers

Welcome back to the Spring Term, and a very Happy New Year to you all!

Childcare Vacancies

If you are a childcare provider within Northamptonshire you will now be able to tell us about any childcare vacancies you have and we will advertise them for you on the NCC Early years and childcare page. You can use the e-form found on the [NCC childcare provider page](#) to post your adverts. There is a £80 charge per advert and this can be paid via credit or debit card using the e-form.

The NCC Early years and childcare webpage generates over 180,000 hits per year. So your advert will be seen by people from across Northamptonshire.

Job bulletins will be published every Monday. The deadline for submitting vacancies to us is every Friday at 17:00 PM. Any adverts placed after this time will be published the following week. Your job vacancy will be viewable on our website for two weeks.

Please email the web team if you require more information. webteam@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Childminders

Childminders working in Northamptonshire, are currently mainly supported by the Team from Northamptonshire Childminding Association (NCA), who work closely alongside the Early Years Improvement Team.

A registered charity, NCA was formed in 1991 by a group of working childminders. The association is managed by a voluntary management committee of practising childminders and employs a team of 8 staff. If you would like to know about childminding in Northamptonshire please visit our website <http://www.childmindingnorthants.org.uk/> or find us on Facebook by searching for Northamptonshire Childminding Association. Northamptonshire Childminding Association (NCA) promotes and supports prospective and registered childminders in Northamptonshire.

Part of the support offered is the availability of **resources and online training**. These resources are produced by the NCA staff team and most are useful to all early year's settings. Our full range of sensibly priced products is available in our shop <http://www.childmindinguk.com/childmindingshop/> Our Premium Membership package offers a saving of around £200 on shop prices <http://www.childmindingnorthants.org.uk/nca-membership/>

FREE HMRC Webinar for Childminders

HMRC provide lots of FREE online resources for self-employed people and some specifically for childminders. On Wednesday January 11th from 7-8pm there is a webinar called 'How to complete your Online Tax Return for Childminders'.

The content of the webinar is:

- Self-Assessment Online / Completing your tax return / Budgeting for your tax bill

To join this webinar you will need to register beforehand.

For other FREE HMRC resources that are aimed specifically at childminders, including special rules for allowable expenses, please visit the legal requirements page of our Childminding UK website here <http://www.childmindinguk.com/legal-requirements/>

Current Training Opportunities

Developing and Enhancing Early Language (DEEL)

This 2 hour training session is for Communication Champions who have attended the Day 1 Introductory DEEL training. The session is a repeat of the session previously delivered in May 2016 and will promote the key messages from Read On Get On (ROGO), the gifting of the Bookstart Envelopes and also provide information about the LRE/Early Years boxes and the service level agreement for short term loans.

Please note only one communication champion per setting may attend.

Bookings can be made through the NCC website and must be made in advance.

(Participants must choose 1 session only - am or pm)

Course code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Link to Website
EYWFD24a	DEEL – Read On Get On	10.00am - 12.00pm	1 st February 2017	Learning Resources for Education, Booth Meadow House, Museum Way, Riverside Park, Northampton NN3 9HW	NCC Website
EYWFD24b	DEEL – Read On Get On	13.00pm - 15.00pm	1 st February 2017		

Getting ready for the 30 hours entitlement

The extended offer for funded childcare is designed to support working parents and may mean that families will be looking for additional hours at different times of day. Can you afford to be left behind, offering a service that does not meet working parents' needs?

This training event will help you think about the practicalities of developing and extending your offer to meet changing demands.

Aims

This workshop will provide a solution focussed exploration of:

- Policy context - the changing shape of supply in the early years sector
- The local market, explore how providers currently deliver early education and how parents currently access their entitlement
- The options for and practicalities of different delivery models
- A potential model/models of delivery which will work for providers with an emphasis on collaborative models
- Practical considerations and day to day organisation
- Action planning - the next steps providers need to take

Dates and times

This workshop will be delivered twice on the 31st January 2017

Morning session – 9.30am to 12.30pm (this session is now full)

Afternoon session 2.30pm- 5.30pm (a few places remaining)

Venue

Workshops will be run at:

Northamptonshire County Council
County Hall
Room 15
Northampton
NN1 1ED

Bookings

For bookings, please follow the link to Eventbrite to book your place. The cost will be £36

To book on the afternoon session please follow this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/getting-ready-for-the-30-hours-entitlement-afternoon-session-tickets-29785352792>

Inclusion Training

Person centred Practice Training

This training aims to:

- Ensure the child/young person is kept at the centre of the planning process by creating a clear, accessible & common language between all involved.
- Give participants a clear understanding around what is truly important to the child/young person and what good support looks like for them.
- Encourage services and families to be aspirational and co create priorities for change, working towards outcomes that matter to the child and their family to enable them to have good life chances.
- Ensure that people are supported to be creative about how they write and meet the outcomes, breaking out of traditional responses to need.
- Be equipped with a robust person centred process to monitor and review outcomes and keep EHC plans updated and used.

To book online visit:

<http://www.lgss.co.uk/Services/traininganddevelopment/Pages/trainingcourses.aspx>

Click on Children's Social Care to find the courses:

Course Name and Number	Venue	Date and Time
Person Centred Practice Training – Education Health and Care PCP05N/16	Knuston Hall NN29 7EU	17th January 2016 9:30am 4:30pm
Person Centred Practice Training – Education Health and Care PCP04N/16	Knuston Hall NN29 7EU	13th March 2016 9:30am – 4:30pm

Qualifying SENCo Training

We have had a great response to the Qualifying SENCo Training and had a number of people on the waiting list. We have therefore given people the opportunity to book as a priority. There are still a few spaces available for next week.

Course code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Link to Website
EYWFD23	Qualifying SENCo Training	9.30-3.30	11 th and 12 th January 2017	Nene Whitewater Centre	NCC Website
		1.00-4.00	27 th March 2017		

Improvement Team Training

The following Training courses are now available and open for booking. Please note that there will be a charge for attendance on the majority of these, which contributes to costs incurred in delivery.

Designated lead training - (9.30-3.30) although attendance is not statutory, this course is designed to support those who are the named designated safeguarding lead in an early years setting. If you would like to register your interest in a future course, please email earlyyearsimprovement@northamptonshire.gov.uk

The NSCB recommend all designated safeguarding leads attend the NSCB Working together course. Details on the NSCB website

Introductory training - (9.30-3.30)

This course is only for early year's practitioners without qualifications and who are new into the workforce working in the private, voluntary and independent sector.

Safeguarding refresher training – (1/2day) for practitioners who have completed safeguarding training in the past.

Safer recruitment – (9.30-3.30) for managers, owners and committee members who have responsibility for recruiting staff. If you would like to register your interest in a future course, please email earlyyearsimprovement@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Safeguarding courses are now available and open for booking. Please note attendance charges.

Course Code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Cost per place	Link to Course description
EYWFD20	Introductory safeguarding	9..30-15.30	24/1/17	Wellingborough museum	£70	NCC Website
EYWFD19	Safeguarding refresher	9.30-12.30	17/1/17	Northampton	£50	NCC Website

Safeguarding refresher training in house - for up to 20 learners, the early years team may be able to support settings by delivering refresher training to suit you, for details and price contact:

eycc@northamptonshire.gov.uk

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN:

Please complete the details below and e-mail to: earlyyearsimprovement@northamptonshire.gov.uk
You will receive confirmation of your booking. Please see our revised [terms and conditions](#)

Course Code	
Course Venue	
Course Date	
Setting Name	
Setting Address	
Setting e-mail and telephone no.	
Name of Delegate	
Training ID Number	
Any additional relevant information	

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board

The number of early year's settings and practitioners taking advantage of the NSCB E-Learning offer has been really encouraging and remember the NSCB provides its online safeguarding training courses free to all agencies and practitioners working in Northamptonshire.

If you haven't yet accessed or seen our online courses below are some links and documents to help you get started with the NSCB online learning.

[NSCB E-Learning Catalogue](#)

[NSCB Guide to Getting Started with E-Learning](#)

[Log in and Sign up to E-Learning](#)

*Please note this a different system with different courses available to your LGSS/L&D log in. If you have any issues please contact the Business Office on 01604 364036.

View [here](#) to read the latest Bulletin from NSCB.



Northampton Nursery School Partnership (NNSP)

Contact: kim.carne@nnspp.co.uk

Our current Timetable is on the website and our new Learning and Development Guide (PDF) can be found by clicking link here: [Timetable-Sep16-Feb17.pdf](#), or to request a printed copy please email, kim.carne@nns.co.uk

The NNSP provides a programme of bespoke learning and development opportunities and support for the Professional Development of all Early Years Practitioners working across the EYFS in nursery schools, primary schools, preschools, after school clubs, child-minders, Children centres and day nurseries spanning across the county.

NCC EY Vouchers extended... Settings that have attended NCC training on DEEL, EAL or Let them be two will have been issued with a *virtual* voucher to spend on NNSP training sessions, these were valid until July 2016, HOWEVER...The nns are extending the voucher 'spend' period across this coming term (October 2016-February 2017), this is the FINAL opportunity to access this FREE training. To find out if your setting has a voucher, email booking@nns.co.uk

We have the following sessions on offer for January. CPD and Day in the Life (ADIL) sessions £60pp, Focused sessions £30pp

Wednesday 11th January 12.30 – 3.30pm Ronald Tree Nursery School

Sign it, say it sign language

Sign Language for use with all children to support their language development.

Thursday 12th January 9:00am – 3:00pm. Fairfield School

Look what we did today! Developing and Enhancing Early Language [DEEL]

A unique opportunity to explore a whole day in the life of an outstanding Special school.

Tuesday 17th January 6:00pm – 8:00pm Led by Parklands NS @ Nicholas Hawksmoor

See it, saw it, plan it do it. Observation, Assessment and Planning following a child's agenda.

Wednesday 18th January 1:00pm – 3:00pm Gloucester Nursery School

SEND: Altogether now: Inclusive practice and provision for supporting children with SEND in your setting: Practice in Action.

Explore the approach to the inclusion of children with additional needs,

Thursday 19th January 5:00pm – 7:00pm Croyland Nursery School

SEND: Provision Mapping

Explore the benefits of provision mapping, observe examples and consider the creation of a provision map for your own settings.

Tuesday 24th January 1.00-3.00pm. Wallace Road Nursery School

I'm trying to tell you something! What is the communication behind the behaviour? (DEEL)

Wednesday 25th January 1.15 – 3.15pm Pen Green Nursery School

What did we see? What shall we do? Observation and Planning following a child's agenda.

Thursday 26th January 1.30 – 3.30pm Ronald Tree Nursery School

The writing's on the Wall: The EYFS environment; Writing and Early Literacy (DEEL)

Monday 30th January 9:00am – 11:00am Croyland Nursery School

It's all about Me! Nurturing children's wellbeing.

To book places please visit the website www.nns.co.uk or email booking@nns.co.uk

Contacting NCC Early Years 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@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Early Years Workforce Development Team (for enquiries about training and qualifications)

EarlyYearsWorkForce@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Free Entitlement and Funded Early Learning (for all funding questions, Headcount questions)

earlyyears@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Other Key Contacts

Northamptonshire Childminding Association

Contact: General enquiry line 0845 838 3724

Website: www.childmindingnorthants.org.uk

Email: info@childmindingnorthants.org.uk

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB)

Visit the website below for information on significant policy changes, serious case review learning, leaflets and face to face training courses.

www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk

(EY Improvement Team Safeguarding Lead: Carolyn Lewis-Hall)

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