

Early Years Key Messages

2nd April 2024

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NYC Wraparound Co-ordinator

Due to the government's expansion of childcare including wraparound provision for school age children, NYC has been successful in appointing a Wraparound Co-ordinator to support this development. Elizabeth Roberts will start in post on 8th April 2024 and will be developing this programme over the next two years.

Two Career Opportunities in Families Information Service

There are two career opportunities available to work in NYC Families Information Service as Information and Sufficiency Officers:-

- 24 hours per week (permanent) [View Vacancy Details](#)
- 37 hours per week (temporary cover approximately 12 months) [View Vacancy Details](#)

Applications close on Sunday, 14th April. Interviews will be held at County Hall on 17th or 18th April.

CPD Opportunity – Understanding Self-directed Play and Neurodiversity

St Edmund's EY Stronger Practice Hub has commissioned Kerry Murphy to present a webinar on Understanding Self-directed Play and Neurodiversity and will support practitioners' skills and confidences in working with children with SEND. Sign up and attend the live session on Tuesday, 9th April at 4pm or catch up with the recording later, at a time that suits you. This is a **FREE CPD Opportunity** [Understanding self-directed play and neurodiversity with Kerry Murphy Tickets, Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 4:00 PM | Eventbrite](#) Attachment 1.

Working with young children (0-5) from Armed Forces Families - practitioner survey

NYC Early Years is working with the MOD to develop a Thriving Lives Toolkit for early years providers to support work with young children of Armed Forces families. To inform the development of this toolkit, **we would be very grateful if you could please spend a few moments to complete a short [survey](#)**. This survey data is being gathered by [CREC](#). All responses are anonymous and the survey should take about 3 minutes to complete. Thank you for your time and contribution. The survey will be live until 12th April 2024. **The survey can be found [here](#)**

To find out more about SCiP, the Thriving Lives Toolkit and this exciting new project click [here](#)

To find out more about the survey and how it will support the research phase of this project click [here](#)

Sufficiency Tab Open

The Sufficiency Tab on the Provider Portal is open from 2nd April 2024 - 24th May 2024. Please enter the occupancy and availability for a typical week based on places you have available and those taken. It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Your support in completing this is much appreciated.

Ofsted EY Curriculum Roadshow - HOLD THE DATE 14th May 2024

NYC has been asked by Ofsted to host a curriculum roadshow for early years providers on 14th May. The venue will be the Pavilions in Harrogate. There will be one session for schools with pre-reception children and one for PVI providers including childminders. Each session will last three hours. These are free to attend. Further details to follow.

Safeguarding Masterclass – 16th May 2024

The next free Early Years Safeguarding Masterclass will be held on 16th May at 1900 hrs – 2100 hrs. The course code is NYS-OM-0524-T013 and this is now available to book on NYES or via this link [NYS CP Early Years Masterclass | NYES Info](#) Guest speakers will include IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Service). **All early years staff are welcome to attend.**

Dingley's Promise Free Inclusion Training – Poster with QR code

We know the sector are under massive pressure and really struggle to release staff for training, so the Dingley's Promise free Inclusion training has been designed with just that in mind. Please find attached the Dingley's Promise Inclusion training poster with the QR code that will take learners directly to the registration page. The link to the training is <https://dingley.org.uk/dingleys-promise-training/comic-relief/> Attachment 2.

Active Start – Free Physical Development Training opportunities

The following dates are available for all early years providers to be part of the FREE Active Start training, which supports settings to offer more physical activity and active play. This free training is provided to the early years sector with grant funding secured through NYC Early Years and Public Health through Health Inequalities. It is research/evidence based interactive training and impacts not only children's physical and mental wellbeing but on staff too. The grant funding is time specific and will end this summer. **Book on now whilst this training is available free in North Yorkshire.**

Date: **Thursday 11th April**

Venue: **Brayton Community Centre**

To book: <https://northyorkshiresport.co.uk/product/active-start-training-for-early-years-educators-selby/>

Date: **Friday 12th April**

Venue: **The Street, Scarborough**

To book: <https://northyorkshiresport.co.uk/product/active-start-training-for-early-years-educators-scarborough-2/>

Date: **Wednesday 17th April**

Venue: **Colburn Community Centre, Catterick**

To book: <https://northyorkshiresport.co.uk/product/active-start-training-for-early-years-educators-catterick/>

Date: **Friday 19th April**

Venue: **Harrogate (TBC)**

To book: <https://northyorkshiresport.co.uk/product/active-start-training-for-early-years-educators-harrogate/>

Clarification on Two-year-Old Funding Codes

To clarify the difference between the two-year-old funding codes; the two-year-old funding codes awarded under the disadvantaged criteria are **six** digits long and can be a mixture of letters or numbers. Codes awarded under the working parent entitlement are **11** numbers long.

Disadvantage Two-Year-Old Funding Take Up – Autumn Term 2023

We would like to thank providers for their continued hard work to ensure children are able to access an early year's place if eligible for the disadvantage two year old funding. In Autumn 2023, the take up rate in North Yorkshire was 93% and higher than the national average of 74%. Thank you for making a difference.

Ofsted inspection judgements – Notify FIS

Following an Ofsted inspection visit, please could providers notify the local authority of their judgement grading. This is especially important when providers receive a “Requires Improvement” or an “Inadequate” judgement. Please notify FIS on fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk

Management changes – Notify FIS

Please notify FIS on fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk of any changes to manager, trustees, owners etc. to ensure our information is current. This ensures IT systems are accessible to the right people which enables your business to operate effectively and legally. This also includes having a valid funding agreement in place with the LA.

Coram Childcare Survey Report 2024

The 2024 Coram Family and Childcare Annual Childcare Survey Report has now been published. Thank you to all early years providers who completed the survey (sent out through the FIS annual survey request) which contributes to this report [Childcare Survey 2024 \(familyandchildcaretrust.org\)](https://familyandchildcaretrust.org)

Early Years Leadership National Professional Qualification

Details about the leadership qualification for level 3 qualified staff due to start in Autumn 2024 can be found at [Early years leadership national professional qualification - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

DfE Consultation on Recruitment and Retention

The DfE has opened a consultation survey on the importance of childminders in early years. Please have your say and complete the survey on [Childminder recruitment and retention consultation - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Apprenticeships Update from 1st April 2024

The government will fully fund apprenticeships in small businesses with 50 employees or less from 1st April 2024 by fully funding the cost of training for anyone under 21 years old.