

Early years provider update email

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Provider Agreement

This is a reminder that your provider agreement for the summer term 2017 has been released via anycomms+. Please be aware that this has been released in the form of an addendum to the original agreement covering the period 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017. You only need to sign and return the last page of the addendum, page 14 which should be the last page of the newly released document. If the prepopulated signatory details have changed please simply cross through them and write clearly the correct details and ensure it is signed by the appropriate person.

Please ensure this is returned by the 12 May to ensure there are no delays to the release of your funding.

Headcount goes live

Your summer term 2017 headcount will go live on the 3 May 2017. You will receive an email and a guidance document informing you about how to complete the headcount form via anycomms+. Please be aware that you must submit your headcount form by the 15 May 2017. Settings returning their headcount forms after this date may not receive their funding on the 9 June 2017.

30 Hours

Childcare Works 'Learn Explore Debate'

The next, nearest event is in Birmingham on 25 May – with both morning session and afternoon sessions. Childcare Works is looking for providers to come to LED events (am, pm or both) – which are attended by up to 100 providers per session, and tell their stories and share their models. If you could talk about your experiences and share your knowledge with other providers for about 10-15 minutes, and give providers the opportunity to ask questions I am sure that they will find this very informative.

Despite being a relatively new experience for Leicestershire we know that you will have a lot to share with other providers starting to deliver in September.

There will be support from the Childcare Works team at Action for Children and Hemsall's. We are available to help with preparation or on the day itself.

If you are interested please can you email jo.fisher@leics.gov.uk

Online checking now available!

Please note that checking for the summer term 2017 has now ceased. Parents enquiring about accessing the 30 hours can now check online for the autumn term 2017 by visiting www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. If parents approach you with a reference number in readiness for the autumn term 2017, please ensure this is recorded safely. Further information about how you can validate the reference number will be released shortly.

Training

Leadership and Management Event

Book Now

Places are still available to book onto this subsidised event on Thursday 4 May 2017 at Leicester Racecourse, Oadby.

The event will run from 9am to 5pm and includes all refreshments and lunch. Delegates will attend:-

- A Key Note Speech delivered by Helen Moylett of Early Education
- And a workshop delivered by Helen Moylett covering Leading Change, Supporting Colleagues
- A workshop delivered by Alice Lewes on Coaching and Mentoring for Effective Enhancement of Team Performance
- A workshop delivered by Jeanne Barczewska from University of Northampton on Working in Your Area of Genius
- And a workshop delivered by Kate Young on the delivery of the 30 hours

Please refer to the [flyer](#) showing the full descriptions of the Key Note Speech and 4 workshops.

With Leadership and Management consistently flagged up by **Ofsted** we hope you will take advantage of this offer.

Training courses available to book

The following training courses have limited availability. Please [book here](#) by downloading the training course list.

Date / Start Time	Course Title	Code	Venue
17/05/2017 10:00	Attachment and Trauma Training for OOS Settings	3987	County Scout Headquarters, LFE

04/05/2017 09:00	Leadership and Management Event / EYP Network	3979	Leicester Racecourse, Oadby
20/05/2017 09:30	Marvellous Maths - Indoors and Out!	3973	Ulverscroft Grange, Markfield
13/05/2017 09:30	Essential Safeguarding Awareness: Refresher	3944	Brocks Hill Environment Centre, Oadby
19/05/2017 09:30	Essential Safeguarding Awareness	3947	Syston Community Centre
25/05/2017 09:30	Essential Safeguarding Awareness	3948	The Angel Hotel, Market Harborough

Supporting Transition

During the summer term we will be holding district based Supporting Transition meetings for schools, pre-schools, nurseries and childminders to attend. Reflecting on current practice and looking at ways to further enhance both practice and provision will be a focus of the meetings. We will be discussing:

- How we can best support vulnerable children and their families as children transfer to school
- How we could further improve information sharing at points of transition
- What resources are available to support the transition process

There will also be opportunities to network, look at information boards/resources and seek further support and advice. We anticipate that these meetings will be very popular, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

FdA in Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

Building on the successful Children and Young People Services Foundation Degree, Stephenson College are offering (subject to validation) a new part-time evening course in partnership with the University of Derby.

The FdA in Special Educational Needs and Disability is a programme designed for practitioners working with children and young people who have been identified as having a special educational need or disability. These practitioners may be from a range of contexts and settings such as Early Years, Education and Health and Social Care.

Programme delivery is flexible and will be held during the evening on a weekday.

INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE SESSION - MONDAY 22ND MAY: 6PM - 7PM

For further information on any aspect of the course please email Student Services services@stephensoncoll.ac.uk or call us on 01530 836136

Safeguarding

Growing up with the internet

The House of Lords Communications Committee has published a report looking at the issues and opportunities children face as they grow up with the internet.

Recommendations to government include: establishing a Children's Digital Champion to ensure coordinated and sustained action and to present robust advocacy on behalf of children to industry; minimum standards established for child-friendly design, content control filtering, privacy, data collection, terms and conditions of use; digital literacy should sit alongside reading, writing and arithmetic as the fourth pillar of a child's education.

Protection for children at risk of online grooming and rape victims

A new offence of sexual communication with a child came into effect on 3 April 2017. The offence covers both online and offline communication, including through social media, e-mail, and letters, with adult groomers facing up to two years in prison and being automatically placed on the sex offenders register. The NSPCC also have a campaign to support this.

Local News and Events

The Totem Pole Training and Resource Centre 'Open House Launch Event'

Join the opening celebrations and the start of a new journey for The Totem Pole with Adapt Childcare Training & Business Support. There are 2 dates to choose from:

Thursday 4 May 10 - 12.30pm

Wednesday 17 May 1 - 3.30pm

The event showcases the training and other services on offer, with taster sessions to provide an overview of Blended Learning across Leadership & Management, Statutory Programmes and Quality Enhanced CPD. There will also be an opportunity to look around the environment, and demonstration nursery, and share specific training needs with the team of consultants.

Further information can be found here. Please RSVP to Karen on 01476 578200 or admin@thetotempole.co.uk or visit the website.

National News

Ofsted – inspection myths

Ofsted has produced this document to confirm the facts about their early years inspections and to dispel those myths that can sometimes result in unnecessary workloads for registered child carers.

DfE support and guidance

- Guidance for early years providers on running a sustainable business, and a directory of suppliers of business and finance support.
- A summary of the support they're providing to early years providers to help them run sustainable and successful businesses.

For the latest news, eblasts and information please visit

<http://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/elc-news>