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Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

Early Years
Business News Tuesday



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Welcome

We hope everyone had a lovely Easter Break. We are back and excited to support you with all your business and wraparound needs.

We have a few things of note this week.

- A new email address for the funding team.
- Further webinars on the new Statuary Charging Guidance.
- The closing date for funding applications for the Early Years Expansion Capital Grant and the Wraparound Grant
- Free Inclusivity Training for Wraparound Providers

If you have any questions please email [EY Business Support](#) the or

Early Years Funding Team - new email address

From 1 April 2025, the funding team were allocated a new email address that we hope everyone will find easier to use. It is:

EYfunding@gloucestershire.gov.uk

If you are sending us emails containing children's details, please ensure you are using a secure link or encryption.

EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE STATUTORY GUIDANCE – effective from 1 April 2025

Following the publication of the new LA EY entitlements statutory guidance, which includes revised guidance in relation to provider charging policies, we have run a number of webinars to support providers. We have planned two further webinars which can be booked here:

23 April 2025 - 12.30-1.30pm, Charging Guidance: Follow Up Sessions for Providers - please book [here](#).

28 April 2025 - 5.30 – 6.30pm, Charging Guidance: Follow Up Sessions for Providers - please book [here](#).

We will use this time to provide responses to the most common queries and talk through some examples of how you might revise your operating models and set out your charging policies to ensure compliance with the statutory guidance. Following the webinars we will circulate FAQs to further assist with your planning.

Please see the latest document Early education and childcare (effective from 1 April 2025) - GOV.UK

Grant Applications

The application window is closing on **30 April 2025**.

Please use the links below to find all the information on criteria for these grants and to make your applications:

[Early years capital grant application form](#) | [Early Years Service](#)

[Application form](#) | [Gloucestershire County Council](#) (Wraparound)

If you need help with applying for grant funding please contact the EY and wraparound teams using the emails below, and one of the team will get back to you to discuss your needs.

EYExpansionCapitalFundingApplications@gloucestershire.gov.uk or wraparound2@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Training

We have opened up our inclusion needs you training to all providers delivering Wraparound.

This training will allow you to gain the skills and confidence to welcome and include disabled children (including those with physical, sensory or cognitive conditions, neurodiversity, SEN and additional needs) at your Wraparound Care Setting. Inclusion Needs You is led by a team of two trainers with a variety of lived experience, including disabled and neurodivergent trainers and parent carers.

The next two day inclusion training will take place in Cirencester on 6 and 20 May 2025. This programme has spaces reserved for Wraparound Care providers. If these are sold out you can still book onto the general ticket spaces. However, tickets are set to one per booking. This is because we'd like every participant to make their own booking so they individually receive all the advance information. If you are booking on behalf of your staff please do this as separate orders and use their emails so they get the information directly.

FREE spaces on 'Inclusion Needs You' two day training can be booked on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inclusion-needs-you-6th-and-20th-may-2025-tickets-1237323811829>



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