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Early Years Newsletter

4 October 2024





Welcome to the Provider Update 45 (2024/25)

Dear Provider

Well the temperature has certainly dropped, but it's been so lovely seeing lots of autumnal activities in full flow out and about on our visits this week!

This week we have an update from Ofsted's blog, an announcement from UKHSA, and we're sharing lots of wonderful CPD opportunities currently on offer across the sector.

Early Education and Child Development Team

NEW! Welcome to the Early Years

Are you or any of your team new to the Early Years Foundation Stage and would like to learn more about the wonderful world of Early Years?

We are launching our 'Welcome to the Early Years' course, for all practitioners new, or returning after a break, to the Early Years. We will cover everything you need to know about the EYFS, as well as what it really means to be a Key Person, and how to work in successful partnerships with parents, in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere!

This morning session is available to [book now](#) and we look forward to welcoming you on Monday 18 November 2024.

We will also be offering an online follow up session at our 'New Practitioner Network' to offer opportunity to catch up again following the course.

Confirmed measles cases circulating locally

Please [read this letter](#) from The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) who have been notified of a small number of cases of confirmed measles in the Gloucestershire area.

Childcare and Education EXPO



This week our EY Quality Leads, Charlotte and Caroline, visited the Midlands EXPO. It was lovely for them to see some familiar faces throughout the day, including Dr [ABC](#) himself! They gained some great information and key messages from a range of seminars which will be shared further through the team's visits and networking opportunities.

Remember you can request quality support at any time by emailing us at EarlyYearsQuality@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Ofsted blog

We've shared previously about signing up to receive updates from Ofsted about any developments and current issues in the early years sector. Check out their latest blog about [who needs to submit an EY2 form, and tips for completing it](#).

DSL support hub

For those of you who couldn't make it, please find the [notes](#) and [recording](#) from the DSL Support Hub on 25/10.

Domestic abuse webinar

GDASS's rural domestic abuse specialist, Clare Jones, will be delivering a webinar on Wednesday 9 October 2024 at 11am to share more about an upcoming project.

Clare is managing a rural DA champions project to improve awareness and take up of domestic abuse support services in the four rural districts of Gloucestershire. There will be a training which will cover recent developments in domestic abuse and the law around it; common myths about abuse, victims and perpetrators; tell-tale signs of domestic abuse in victims and their children; how to facilitate and respond to disclosures; and the different specialist support available in Gloucestershire.

To join the webinar to find out more about this training offer, you can use the link below (there is no need to book):

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 314 438 768 428

Passcode: S2fYUi

CPD Spotlight

Our spotlight this week is on PATA, a local Early Years & Play focused membership organisation. As well as offering support and advice they also have a fantastic training programme.

Their training is delivered online, in the evenings, and delivered live so you can ask questions and interact. Costs are kept as low as possible, and prices are heavily discounted for members (with the occasional freebie when possible). They can also offer bespoke training which can be online or in person and is a great option for staff meetings or inset days.

Take a look at their current course calendar and booking options [here](#). You can also get in touch with the PATA training team at training@pataglos.org.uk



Training and other opportunities!

Getting It Right for Boys (FINAL CALL!) - 7 October 2024 - 10am to noon - Gloucester Farmer's Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - One space.
[Book here.](#)

Getting It Right for Boys (FINAL CALL!) - 7 October 2024 - 1pm to 3pm - Gloucester Farmer's Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#).

NEW!!Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (Level 2) - 17 October 2024 - 4pm to 6pm - Oakwood Primary School, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD - [Book here](#).

Childminder Network Teams Meeting - 22 October 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - Online via Teams - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 7 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Ashchurch Parkway, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8TU - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 7 November 2024 - 6.30pm to 8.00pm - Chesterton Primary School, (Aspley Road, Cirencester, GL7 1SS) - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 11 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Hesters Way Children Centre (Dill Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 0ES) (Elliott Building) - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 12 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 13 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Steam Mills Primary School (Steam Mills, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 3JD) - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 13 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Stow Nursery, Stow on The Wold Primary School (St Edwards Drive, Stow-On-The-Wold, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 1AW) - [Book here](#).

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (Level 1) - 14 November 2024 - 4pm to 6pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) - [Book here](#).

Early Years Conference - 15 November 2024 - 9.00am to 4.00pm - The Cheltenham Chase Hotel Shurdington Road Brockworth Gloucester GL3 4PB - **Now full!**

Welcome to the Early Years - 18 November 2024 - 9.30am to 12.30pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#).



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