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MOTHERS DAY TEA PARTY



In April, Mancetter SureStart Children's Centre, working together with Little Stars Day Nursery, organised a tea party to celebrate Mother's Day. Children and families from across the reach area celebrated by joining in the planned activities. These included decorating plant pots and planting bedding plants, a bouncy castle, balloon modelling, face painting and a variety of toys for the under 5's.

All mothers were treated to a hand massage and a special tea was provided for everyone. Comments about the day were captured on our Comments Tree. These were; "It's lovely and special", "Fantastic day for the whole family", "Lovely party, lots to do – very friendly staff and a great time had by all". These were just a few comments captured on our Comments Tree at the end of the day.

To ensure dads do not feel left out we have organised a Fathers Day Barbeque on Saturday 18th June to celebrate all male carers.

Please contact the Children's Centre on 01827 718723 for more details.

Elaine Harvey
Deputy Head of Centre
SureStart Children's Centre
Mancetter

Editor's Note

Welcome to this issue of Small Talk. Congratulations to Christine Homer on her Outstanding Ofsted Inspection!

Please take time to read the Training and Recruitment section as there are details of this years funding for training courses and childcare qualifications. In the Partnership section FIS are asking that all childminders make sure that all of their records are up to date and if you need to amend any details a provider update form can be found online.

As always please contact me if you would like to give feedback about anything featured in this issue, or with suggestions and comments about how we could improve the publication.

Ruth

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Park Lane Children's Centre

It's 'time to talk' at the Park Lane Children's Centre. Families with young children were encouraged to find the 'time to talk' with their children and celebrate communication. Speech and language therapists, children's centre staff, and early years providers around the County used the week to promote the 'time to talk' programme which helps parents to communicate imaginatively with their tiny tots.

Our Pre-School Assistants, Fiona Lucas (Speech and Language Champion) and Emma Beaman donned their 'Chatter Matter' T Shirts and ensured all parents and carers attending the Centre were aware of this special week. A table was set out with the aim to raise awareness of the importance of early language development. A deal was struck with the children, 'Give up your dummy and you get a book'. Although this was a good idea we only had a few takers. There were freebies on offer which included bags, pens, magnets, leaflets, balloons and a bear to aid conversation with the children. This gave the parents and carers the chance to ask questions and access all the free information and giveaways that had been provided by the Chatter Matters Team.

County Music also assisted the Centre during the Chatter Matters Week with Judy Brulo who came and shared songs, rhymes and stories with the children and showed them how good it feels to have a chat. She also played the fiddle and guitar to entertain them. The children had a ball, singing and listening to different instruments.

Glenis Wood
Centre Manager





BRIGHT RED 'FUNNY FOR MONEY' NOSES

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many other schools and nurseries across the country the staff and children fundraised by baking and selling cakes as well.

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Cawston Grange Children's Centre Official Opening

Cawston Grange celebrated the official opening of their Children's Centre on 25th March after a failed attempt in December 2010, due to frozen pipes. On this day the sun was shining and Cawston Grange Primary School Choir delivered a melody of songs.

Local families, Councillors, WCC members and The Mayor attended to celebrate this special day.

Activities on the day included face painting, goody bags and a children's entertainer - which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Sheree Bailey
Head of Centre



A CACHE Diploma for Karly!

I started the new CACHE Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce in October 2010 after making the decision to change career. I found that each of the units were relevant to my current role as Nursery Practitioner and have enabled me to develop my practice on a daily basis; learning new skills and concepts and evaluating myself, and my colleagues.



The requirements for each unit are clearly set out and the associated tasks encourage more in-depth thinking and research. As the units covered a vast range of topics, studying never became dull and my confidence in my ability to fulfil my role has grown as a result.

The support offered by Sharina at Forbes Training has been of paramount importance to my completion of the Diploma. I feel the skills learned stand me in good stead to continue with my professional development, having already enrolled to begin a degree in October 2011.

Karly Brainwood
Nursery Practitioner
Nature Trails

Minister backs EY leaders

Government commitment to a pioneering programme attracting high quality graduates to the early years workforce has been underlined by a recent ministerial visit.

Sarah Teather, Minister for Children and Families, spoke at length with staff and students on the first intake of the New Leaders in Early Years programme.

Her visit follows recent confirmation about continued government funding for the programme and the Early Years Professional Status (EYPS) programme during 2011/12.

The New Leaders course, delivered by Canterbury Christ Church University, aims to attract the best graduates from outside the early years profession. It is an ideal entry route for anyone with a 2:1 degree interested in forging a career in the sector.

Launched last November, a further cohort for the new leaders programme was enrolled in February. Another intake will take place in September.

The programme is currently fully funded, with an additional bursary for students available. Those who successfully complete it gain early years professional (EYP) status and an MA in early years.

Judith Thompson, Assistant Director for Early Intervention and Prevention, said:

"We are delighted the government has continued to recognise the importance of the early years, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds."

The minister was keen to find out from graduates on the new leaders programme how they were progressing and their aspirations for the future. She called them a pioneering group and said she had great hopes for them."

Judith added:

"The positive difference the EYPS programme is having on the lives of children is starting to emerge through independent research."

In the current economic climate, we believe continued backing for EYPS and the New Leaders programmes is a strong endorsement that investing in graduate practitioners is the foundation stone of positive outcomes for children."

For more information log on to www.cwdcouncil.org.uk

CWDC 31 March 2011

International Literacy Day, 8th September 2011

On International Literacy Day each year, UNESCO reminds the international community of the status of literacy and adult learning globally.

Despite many and varied efforts, literacy remains an elusive target: some 796 million adults lack minimum literacy skills which means that about one in six adults is still not literate; 67.4 million children are out-of-school and many more attend irregularly or drop out.

Childcare Expo 2011

Childcare Expo 2011 is the Event for the Early Years, Childcare and Nursery Sector. It is being held at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry from Friday 16th - Saturday 17th September 2011 and the exhibition is free to attend.

There will be several areas within the show including an outdoor environments feature, seminars, demonstrations and workshops.

The show is for nursery chain executives, nursery owners, managers, childminders and early years professionals.

Visitors are welcome to "try and buy" from the suppliers as well as having the opportunity to attend an eclectic range of seminars and practical workshops which will be lead by specialists within the early years market. The exhibitors and speakers will offer first hand, informative advice to cater to your business needs.

Seminar tickets cost £8 + VAT when booked in advanced or £12 + VAT when purchased at the show.

For more information on visiting the show please visit www.childcareexpo.co.uk, call 01425 838393 or email info@childcareexpo.co.uk.

Venue: Jaguar Hall 2 Ricoh Arena
Coventry CV6 6GE

Duration: 2 days

Cost: FREE

Daycare Trust Course - Changes to Tax Credits and what it means for you

With the changes to Child Tax Credits and the Childcare Element of the Working Tax Credit having been reduced from 80% of eligible childcare costs to 70%, affordability of childcare is even tougher. To ensure that that Daycare Trust provides the most up to date information we have fully updated our advisor courses to include these changes.

The key courses are:

- Help with childcare costs (full day course)
- Understanding tax credits (half day course)

Visit our www.daycaretrust.org.uk for details of all our training courses.

To ensure that the information you are providing to parents is up-to-date simply email Jan Burt or call Jan on 0207 940 7510.

All Daycare Trust courses can be delivered in-house on the date and venue of your choice for groups of up to 15 people. This can be a very economical and convenient way of arranging training.

You could make further savings by sharing the costs with other organisations in your area.

In-house training allows our trainers to focus on the particular areas of work that you are interested in, and can help you to address issues and challenges as a team.

Daycare Trust training courses are targeted to meet the needs of particular audiences.

**Big Toddle,
Big Fun!**
Believe in
children



Barnardo's



The Barnardo's Big Toddle is the UK's biggest charity event for children under the age of 5!

Each year, up to half a million children have great fun with their friends, taking part in their short sponsored walk.

Your Big Toddlers will love the exercise and excitement of the Big Toddle, and you will love how easy it is to set up.

Anyone can join in; from nurseries, crèches and playgroups, to parents, friends and family, and you can toddle anytime.

You can organise your own Toddle or join a Barnardo's run Toddle near you throughout the summer. Everyone who joins the Toddle crew gets fantastic booty, which is packed with goodies to help make the most of your fun day out.

The money you raise goes to our projects that help children under 5. These include **family centres, play groups** and **parenting support services** across the UK.

Make this the Biggest Toddle yet! Register and access the resources available at <http://www.barnardos.org.uk/bigtoddle/> or call the Toddle helpline on **0845 270 9900** or email big.toddle@barnardos.org.uk

If you have a question about an organised event in your area, try your local Toddle coordinator:

Midlands

Pauline Clark
01902 332 708
pauline.clark@barnardos.org.uk

National childcare week will run from 11th – 18th July 2011

Daycare Trust's National childcare week, now in its 14th year, aims to promote the importance of investing in childcare, out-of-school activities and early years provision for children. We also aim to strengthen and contribute to children's play and learning, providing a good foundation for their future.

We very much hope that you will join with Daycare Trust, especially during our 25th Anniversary year, to mark National childcare week through the various events and activities planned for the week. Sign up now to receive information about National childcare week.

www.daycaretrust.org.uk/pages/national-childcare-week-2011.html

Warwickshire Childminding Conference 2011

The 2011 Childminding Conference was held in the Panorama Suite of Warwick University on Saturday 29th March 2011. This popular training event attracted 104 childminders from across the County, plus guest speakers and staff who ensured that the day ran smoothly.

Sir Richard Bowlby's keynote speech was moving, powerful and full of interesting information about how a child's experiences from birth, of forming a bond with their primary carer, has a lasting effect on their future development. He illustrated how important it is for positive secondary attachments with other key people in the child's life, including their childminder, to be nurtured and established. Sir Richard also led one of the afternoon workshops where delegates had more time to ask questions and consolidate their learning. Comments from childminders included "I will share what I have learned with parents, so they can understand too", and "Sir Richard was brilliant, an inspiration".

The second workshop was led by Ramani Gopinath who has a wealth of teaching experience in supporting children for whom English is their second language. Ramani inspired delegates providing practical ideas and advice to ensure that multi-lingual children are supported and encouraged to reach their full potential in all areas of learning. "I gained some useful ideas" said one childminder... "Ramani is excellent".

Following on from presenting an interesting and enthusiastic overview of the "Every Child A Talker" (ECAT) Project, Speech and Language Consultants, Avril Upstone & Melanie Packer led the "Time to Talk" workshop. This workshop contained the core elements of Tier 1 training which provided delegates with knowledge and understanding upon how they can enhance their practice to help children "at risk" of speech & language delay to catch up with their peers. "There was lots of information that I can build into my practice" was a comment made by several childminders.

The Conference gave the Early Years Staff Team the opportunity to celebrate the work of the Kingsbury Childminding Group in North Warwickshire and the Oakfield Childminding Group in Rugby who have dedicated many hours to training and collecting evidence as part of the ECAT project.

Specialist Network Childminders Jane Crick from Rugby, Sarah Sugden and Tina Lent from Nuneaton were also congratulated upon their dedication and commitment to the work of

Warwickshire's Specialist Network. They each received a trophy to reward 10 years membership.



Marion Childs
Childminding Network Co-ordinator

Congratulations Christine!

Christine Homer, who has been a Registered Childminder for 4 years has been awarded outstanding in her latest Ofsted inspection.

Ofsted said “Children thoroughly enjoy an abundance of experiences both indoors and outside. The childminder has outstanding partnerships with their parents and other external agencies involved in their care and education. Children’s individual needs are exceptionally well known and met”.

Christine states; “My vision is to provide a service where children flourish in a play based learning environment so that they become confident and successful individuals with high self esteem and have respect for others. I constantly adapt my planning to ensure it focuses on children’s ideas and interests while making sure that they have access to a full range of learning opportunities.

Attending training courses ensures that my practice is relevant and up to date.

This helps to underpin my knowledge and so improves my skills and confidence. I have also recently completed my NVQ Level 3 in Childcare and Learning Development.

Taking the children to a nursing home where the elderly are cared for has allowed them to see people using walking aids, wheelchairs etc, and this has stimulated conversations about similarities and differences of people in our community. The children have had the opportunity to see the “Pets as Therapy” dogs working within the home, and they were able to spend time with the dogs and their trainers. Both children and the residents have benefited by the visits. We visit regularly and have made good relationships with the staff and residents.”

Belted up and ready to go out. We take our safety very seriously.

Christine Homer
Childminder



HELP US HELP YOU!

Family Information Service – Your childminding

One of the most common concerns expressed by parents looking for childcare with the Family Information Service is that childminders' records are not up to date, because a vacancy that is advertised has already been filled or a childminder may have vacancies available that were not advertised.

For exampleon one occasion, a childminder had several vacancies available and was worried that they would not be filled. However, they had previously advised us that they had no vacancies and had not changed their record when vacancies became available. Consequently, they had not had any enquiries for some months as their record said no vacancies were available. In another example, a childminder's telephone number and email address had changed, but they had not advised of that fact and so parents were receiving out of date information that prevented them from making contact with the childminder. Parents are also more likely to contact first childminders who have updated recently. Keeping your record up to date is both a positive thing for your childminding business and for parents looking for childcare.

The Family Information Service sends out regular

provider update forms to all childcare providers in Warwickshire. However there are a number of childminders whose forms have not been returned, and we have also not been able to get in touch with them over the telephone. Some email addresses no longer function. All basic information (name, address, email and contact details) can be amended by contacting Ofsted direct, whereas details of your service (vacancies, opening hours and charges etc.) can be amended through the Family Information Service.

One of the easiest ways to amend your details is to fill in an online provider update form at the following website address:

<https://forms.warwickshire.gov.uk/public/servlet/ep.app?admin=N&type=22642&ut=x>

If you have not returned your provider update forms or advised us of vacancies, please get in touch so we can update your record with the most up to date information.

Ofsted: 0300 123 1231

Email: fis@warwickshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 0845 090 8044

Family Change4Life Advisors

From January 2011 seven Family Change4Life Advisors have joined the School Nursing teams across Warwickshire to support them in the delivery of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) through the weighing and measuring of Reception and Year 6 children.

The posts have been commissioned and funded by monies from the Public Health Department. The posts are currently funded for a fixed term pilot period of 2 years and will be evaluated by Coventry University.

The aim of the pilot is to reduce obesity in children before they reach Year 6 in Primary School.

The Family Change4Life Advisors will support

families, children and young people identified as having an unhealthy weight to access structured weight management programmes. They will provide information on healthy eating and physical activity so that families can manage health behaviour change in the context of achieving and maintaining a healthy weight, sustaining healthy lifestyles and promoting emotional well being.

Lynn Hitch

Locality Manager, Children, Young People and Family Services

Warwickshire Community Services Division

South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust

Royal Leamington Spa Rehabilitation Hospital

Warwickshire County Council



Was your child born between
1 September 2007
and 31 August 2008?

They are due to start
school in September 2012



You can apply for a school place
on-line from 4 July 2011

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

The closing date for
on-time applications is
16 January 2012

Text **STARTSCHOOL** to **07950 081 082**
for a text message reminder on how to apply



Looking for Funding?



Tesco Community Awards

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000. The funding given goes towards providing practical benefits, such as equipment and resources for projects that directly benefit children, the elderly and adults and children with disabilities, living in the local communities around Tesco stores in the UK. See web site for further information.

www.tesco.com/charitiesandfundraising

Co-op Community Fund

Small grants ranging from £100 to £2,000 are available to local voluntary community and self-help groups operating throughout the UK. Co-op members are responsible for allocating the funds.

Applications are accepted at any time. E-mail: community.fund@co-operative.coop or visit www.co-operative.coop/community-fund/

ASDA Foundation

Small amounts of funding up to £15,000 available. Projects must be accessible to the local community. The process is that the applicant must go to a nearby Asda store and get the "Community Colleague" i.e. the store community champion to support their application.

If you make a successful application please For details visit www.your.asda.com/asda-foundation

The Woodward Charitable Trust

The trust provides funding for small, local projects including:-

- Arts outreach work by local groups;
- Disability related projects;
- Environmental projects, especially with a strong education element.

The Trustees favour small-scale, locally based initiatives. Funding is primarily for one-off projects, but the Trustees are willing to consider funding for start-up or running costs (including core costs and salaries). Your organisation must be a registered charity, school or church.

Trustees review grant applications twice a year, usually in January and July. Please consult the trust's diary page for up-to-date deadlines for receipt of applications.

Small grants, £100-£5,000 (around 40-50 grants made per year)

Large grants, over £5,000 (around 5 grant are made per year)

Children's summer playscheme grants £500-£1,000 (usually about 30-40 grants made each year)

Website: <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/guidelines.html>

Mary Pettit
Funding & Monitoring Officer

Warwickshire College Open Events 2011

Leamington Date:
Thursday 20th October
Time: 17.30 - 20.00

Rugby Date:
Tuesday 18th October
Time: 17.30 - 20.00

Henley in Arden Date:
Wednesday 19th October
Time: 17.30 - 20.00

Training Budgets Financial Year 2011/12

Following a review of our training budgets for 2011/12, we are now able to confirm the new arrangements for this financial year.

You will note an increase in contributions per delegate, compared to previous years. We feel sure that you appreciate such increases are a reflection of the current economic climate we find ourselves in.

The contribution that we ask settings and individuals to pay this year will be as follows:

Paediatric First Aid, Food Hygiene and Health & Safety: £50 per delegate

Safeguarding courses - Level 1 cost per delegate £20, Refresher cost per delegate £12 and Designated Person cost per delegate £50

Home-based Childcare Level 3 Unit: £158 per delegate.

Please note that fees will be non-refundable in the event that you cannot attend.

The Graduate Leader Fund to support early year's learners has also been reviewed and you will find an outline of the changes below. If you or one of your employees are studying this year and would like to apply for this funding, please contact the training team on 01926 742122 for an application form. Funds will be allocated on a strict first come, first served basis.

Please contact your local Childcare Support Office or the training team if we can provide you with further information

The Early Years Training & Recruitment Team

Warwickshire County Council Funding for Childcare Qualifications Financial Year 2011/12

Funding is available for people in **paid employment** in the **Warwickshire** area, working:

- in an **Early Years Childcare or playwork setting & Children's Centre**
- as a **Childminder**
- working for **more than 10 hours per week (paid, not volunteering)**

The setting you work in must:

- **be a Private, Voluntary or Independent setting (not Government maintained)**
- **have received a satisfactory or better OFSTED outcome**

Please note the number of places available at each level is limited so applications will be on a first come first served basis. Once the maximum number of applications has been received at each level, no further applications will be accepted.

Level 3

Level 3 Course Fees Assistance - £200 awarded to a student for part payment of their course fees.

Level 5 (Foundation Degree)

Level 5 First Year Course Fees Assistance - £1000 awarded to a student for part payment of their course fees.

Level 5 Second & Third Year Course Fees Assistance - £700 awarded to a student for part payment of their course fees.

If you have any questions or would like an application form please call the Warwickshire Early Years Training Team on 01926 742212.

Children and Young People's Workforce Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are all main political parties preferred way to train and skill the workforce, giving them longevity over other qualifications. Children and Young People's workforce Apprenticeships are for people who work with children – from birth to 16-year-olds (and their families) – in settings or services whose main purpose is children's care, learning and development.

This Apprenticeship gives people a fulfilling opportunity to work with children and young people while also gaining an understanding into the how's and why's of their development. Equally, it ensures candidates put childcare theory into practice.

As an apprentice, the exact nature of your job role will depend on your employer. The Intermediate Apprenticeship is for those working under supervision such as a nursery assistant or playgroup assistant working with children under five or an assistant playworker in an out of school setting. The Advanced Apprenticeship is for those who work on their own initiative, planning and organizing their own work and/or supervising others, for example, a nursery nurse, playgroup leader or a childminder working in their own home.

After successful completion of the Apprenticeship there's good scope for progression. You may move up through levels of work, for example, from nursery assistant to nursery manager. There are also opportunities to undertake further training or assessment and a Higher Apprenticeship at Level 4 is currently being explored.

Common Job Roles:

Intermediate Apprenticeship:

Nursery Assistant Playgroup Assistant

Advanced Apprenticeship:

Nursery Nurse, Playgroup Leader, Senior Playworker, Childminder

There are over 50 Colleges and Providers who have a contract with the Government to deliver Childcare Apprenticeships in Warwickshire, all will deliver in slightly different ways but all will adhere to the national standards. For more information about Apprenticeships please look at www.Apprenticeships.org.uk or talk to your existing Training Provider/College.

Torin Spence

14-19 Manager

Children, Young People and Families
Warwickshire County Council

Looking for course funding?

Got a vacancy you want advertising?

All the forms for this are now available to download from our updated Early Years Training and Recruitment website
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childcarecareers

Would you like to appear on our website?

We are looking for some new case studies to put on our website for the following job roles:

- Children's Centre Manager
- Family Support Worker
- Early Years Professional
 - Apprentices
- Employers who have found their employees by using the job matching service

If you are interested contact Ruth Payne on 01926 742220 or email on ruthpayne@warwickshire.gov.uk

Early Years Improvement Team

Contact any member of the Improvement Team via Camp Hill Early Years Centre.

Warwickshire Early Years Improvement Team
Schools Performance Team
Camp Hill Early Years Centre
Hollystitches Road
Nuneaton
CV10 9QA

Tel: 024 7634 9694 Fax: 024 7634 9671

Early Years Improvement Team Manager: Joanne Vallis

NORTHERN AREA

Senior Early Years Improvement Adviser – Judy Watkins

Advisory Worker – Rachel Pooler

SOUTHERN AREA

Senior Early Years Improvement Adviser – Sandie Sheppard

Early Years Improvement Advisers – Sharon Kindred
– Solveig Smith

Advisory Workers – Claire Smallwood
– Linzi Sanders

EASTERN AREA

Senior Early Years Improvement Adviser – Shona Lewis

Advisory Worker – Carole Ealing

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Office Manager – Anne Woodley

Administrative Assistant – Jeffrey Bowes

Integrated Disability Service - Teaching and Learning

Warwick and Stratford Providers
Orion House, Athena Drive, Tachbrook Park
Warwick CV34 6RQ

Tel: 01926 413737

Zoe Harwood – Strategic Manager (0-5)

Keeva Austin – Teacher

Sandra Bowering – Lead Consultant Teacher,
Warwick & Stratford

Collette Morris – Teacher

Anne Marie Jones – Teacher

Rachel Schofield-Newton – Lead Consultant Teacher
Birth – Seven Complex Needs

Julia Stoneley – Teacher

Julie Morris – Teacher

Jeanette Smith – Co-ordinating Manager Birth – 3
Portage Service

Gillian Henderson – Child Development Adviser

Harjinder Bahra – SEN Childcare Co-ordinator

Babs Stuart – Teacher

Rugby Providers

Faraday Hall, Lower Hillmorton Road,
Rugby CV21 4AE

Tel: 01926 476928

Santina Baddeley – Lead Consultant Teacher, Rugby

Vicky Fuminger – Teacher

Suzanne Hack – Teacher

Val Redhead – Child Development Adviser

Sarah Caisey – SEN Childcare Co-ordinator

North Warwickshire, Nuneaton & Bedworth Providers
Easter Way, Ash Green, Coventry CV7 9HP

Tel: 02476 368800

Collette Morris – Teacher

Clare Woodman – Lead Consultant Teacher

Anne Hallissey – Teacher

Gill Truman – Teacher

Linda Jones – Teacher

Sue Lowe – Teacher

Anne Avery – Child Development Adviser

Gill Marshall – Child Development Adviser

Suzanne Everitt – SEN Childcare Co-ordinator

Early Years & Childcare

Service Manager - Primary and Early Years:

Lorrie Cooper

PA

Manj Rai ☎ 01926 742231

Family Information Service

Helpline for all childcare related enquiries:

Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.30pm,

Fridays 9.00am to 5.00pm

☎ 0845 090 8044

(local rate number with voicemail out of hours)

Textphone: 01926 736327

Email: fis@warwickshire.gov.uk

F.I.S. & Audit Manager:

Emma Harrison ☎ 01926 742208

Information Analyst:

Elaine Coates ☎ 01926 742209

Promotions Officer:

Gavin Tristram ☎ 01926 742207

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Ruth Payne ☎ 01926 742220

Recruitment & Training Administrative Officer:

Kerry Darlow ☎ 01926 742212

Early Years Professional Support Network Officer (Fridays Only):

Julie Curtis ☎ 0799080 2344

Education Psychology Service (EPS) Early Years and Parenting Team

For advice on individual children, settings can contact EPS through their IDS teachers. The following members of EPS take an overview of Early Years work across the country:

County wide/Leamington & Stratford

Dr Helen Kendall ☎ 01926 461900

Rugby/East

Kerry Stace ☎ 01788 338130

N&B/North

Sarah Bowe ☎ 02476 754226

Warwickshire Childminding Network Co-ordinators

Marion Childs ☎ 01926 810320

Louise Hardwick ☎ 01926 743057

Childcare Support Centres

Southern Area

☎ 01926 422155

Childcare Support Officers:

Carolyn Busk, Mandy Latham, Tony Ibbitson

Administrators:

Lucy Crossley, Liza Stickley

Northern Area

☎ 024 7635 0222

Childcare Support Officers:

Amanda Durno, Carol Bedingham, Rachel Booth

Administator:

Mandy Kane

Eastern Area

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Angela Moore, Gill Chilton

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Lorraine Ludlow, Elaine Whiteley

Nursery Funding Provider Enquiries

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Michelle Taylor ☎ 01926 742218

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Other Support

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Business Support Officer

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Funding & Monitoring Officer

Mary Pettit ☎ 01926 742225

Children's Assessment Teams

In case of concern about child welfare/safety or suspected abuse, contact the relevant area office and ask for the Children's Duty Team.

North Warwickshire District

Reception ☎ 01926 413492

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Bedworth District ☎ 024 7664 3838

Rugby District ☎ 01788 570011

Warwick District ☎ 01926 334111

Stratford & Alcester District

☎ 01789 269391

Southam & Shipston District

☎ 01926 813110

In case of difficulty in reporting a concern, contact Family

Information Service:

☎ 0845 090 8044 (local rate)

Ofsted (Office for standards in Education)

General helpline: ☎ 0300 1231231