

This leaflet contains details about the training on offer for 2011-2012

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As a childcare professional you want to offer as high a standard of care as possible. To help you do this, Walsall Families Information Service offers training and access to qualifications. This leaflet tells you more about some training that we think you may find useful.

Some of the training in this leaflet is mandatory and is the minimum level that a setting needs. To ensure that your Ofsted grading isn't affected a setting must have:

- **Safeguarding:**
 - Level 1**
All practitioners
Renewed every 3 years
 - Level 2**
2 practitioners in every group care setting
Renewed every 2 years
- **Paediatric First Aid**
At least 2 practitioners in every group care Setting
Renewed every 3 years
- **CIEH Food Safety**
All practitioners in group care settings
Renew every 3 years
- **Full and relevant Level 2 qualification**
50% of all other staff in group settings
- **Full and relevant Level 3 qualification**
All supervisors and managers in group settings

Details of the mandatory training can be found in 'Mandatory Training for Childcare Professionals' leaflet. Unless otherwise stated, all training in this leaflet is aimed at all staff at a setting. If you would like further information on any of the training in this leaflet, or for details of how to book a place, please see the 'Training FAQs & Venue' information card.

Dates for your diary

Network Meetings:

Network meetings give practitioners the chance to meet and share experiences with other practitioners, take part in activities that will help you in your setting and much more! They are FREE to attend and each one has a different theme.

Managers Network Meetings:

Aimed at the managers of settings, they will take place:

Monday 5th December 2011, 09.30 - 12.30 at the EDC

Tuesday 6th March 2012, 09.30 - 12.30 at the EDC

Tuesday 3rd July 2012, 09.30 - 12.30 at the EDC

Out of School Network Meetings:

Aimed at play co-ordinators of settings, they will take place:

Monday 5th December 2011, 09.30 - 12.30 at the EDC

Tuesday 6th March 2012, 09.30 - 12.30 at the EDC

Tuesday 3rd July 2012, 09.30 - 12.30 at the EDC

Look out for invites nearer the dates.

Aims & Objectives

The explore the importance of observation and planning and effective implementation strategies to ensure EYFS requirements are met.

By the end of the course practitioners will have

- Identified the importance of an effective learning environment
- Explored the importance of observing children and how to carry out effective observations
- Looked at how to use the information from observations to identify next steps for children, meeting their individual needs
- Identified the importance of planning and how to plan effectively, whilst being flexible and allowing for spontaneity.
- To be able to show clearly the links between observation and planning.

Date	Time	Day	Venue	Course Code
10/11/11	09.30 - 15.00	Thurs	Edgar Stammers Children's Centre	AU11-021
25/02/12	09.30 - 15.00	Sat	Bentley Leisure Pavilion	SP12-021
16/05/12	09.30 - 15.00	Wed	Brownhills Children's Centre	SM12-020

What is Sustained Shared Thinking?

£30.00

Aims & Objectives

For early years practitioners to begin to understand what Sustained Shared Thinking is and how to support children's development in this area.

Date	Time	Day	Venue	Course Code
27/09/11	09.30 - 12.30	Tues	Brownhills Children's Centre	AU11-022
26/01/12	09.30 - 12.30	Thurs	Edgar Stammers Children's Centre	SP12-022

Developing Sustained Shared Thinking

£30.00

Aims & Objectives

For early years practitioners to explore their role in enabling children to develop Sustained Shared Thinking by playing creatively with a variety of resources and to appreciate the adults role in helping children to discover connections, to think critically and ask questions.

Date	Time	Day	Venue	Course Code
15/03/12	09.30 - 12.30	Thurs	Hatherton Children's Centre	SP12-023
08/05/12	09.30 - 12.30	Tues	Edgar Stammers Children's Centre	SM12-021

Further training and workshops will be announced throughout the year. Information will be sent directly to you. Or keep checking our website www.mywalsall.org/fis for details.

If you have any queries about training or qualifications, please contact the Training Team on 01922 686512 or 01922 686513. Alternatively email trainingfis@walsallcs.serco.com

Behaviour Management £30.00

Equal Opportunities £30.00

Child Concern & CAF £30.00

Aims & Objectives:

To enable participants to help children develop positive behaviour, developing an understanding of developmental behaviour, observing and making behaviour plans as well as behaviour management strategies.

Must be renewed every 3 years.

Training for Daycare Settings

Date	Time	Day	Venue	Course Code
01/10/11	09.30 - 15.30	Sat	Central Hall Methodist Church	AU11-033
07/11/11	09.30 - 15.30	Mon	Edgar Stammers Children's Centre	AU11-034
25/02/12	09.30 - 15.30	Sat	Collingwood Centre	SP12-032
22/03/12	09.30 - 15.30	Thurs	Brownhills Children's Centre	SP12-033
19/05/12	09.30 - 15.30	Sat	Walsall Leather Museum	SM12-030
25/06/12	09.30 - 15.30	Mon	EDC	SM12-031

Training for Out-of-School Settings

Date	Time	Day	Venue	Course Code
17/09/11	09.30 - 15.30	Sat	Willenhall Chart	AU11-029
25/11/11	09.30 - 15.30	Fri	Collingwood Centre	AU11-030
04/02/12	09.30 - 15.30	Sat	Central Hall Methodist Church	SP12-028
12/03/12	09.30 - 15.30	Mon	Edgar Stammers Children's Centre	SP12-029
23/06/12	09.30 - 15.30	Sat	Bentley Leisure Pavilion	SM12-026
16/07/12	09.30 - 15.30	Mon	Brownhills Children's Centre	SM12-027

Health & Safety for childcare workers £30.00

Aims & Objectives

To reduce preventable accidents, all candidates will have a greater awareness of:

- General health and safety
- Fire safety
- Risk assessment for health and safety issues

Must be renewed every 3 years.

Date	Time	Day	Venue	Course Code
27/09/11	09.30 - 16.00	Tues	Edgar Stammers Children's Centre	AU11-006
15/10/11	09.30 - 16.00	Sat	Brownhills Activity Centre	AU11-007
28/01/12	09.30 - 16.00	Sat	Collingwood Centre	SP12-008
08/03/12	09.30 - 16.00	Thurs	Edgar Stammers Children's Centre	SP12-009
26/05/12	09.30 - 16.00	Sat	St Andrews Church	SM12-007
28/06/12	09.30 - 16.00	Thurs	Hatherton Children's Centre	SM12-008

Aims & Objectives:

A practical course focusing on equal opportunities, racial awareness and social inclusion.

Must be renewed every 3 years.

Date	Time	Day	Venue	Course Code
08/10/11	09.30 - 15.00	Sat	Collingwood Centre	AU11-002
01/12/11	09.30 - 15.00	Thurs	Brownhills Activity Centre	AU11-003
04/02/12	09.30 - 15.00	Sat	Central Hall Methodist Church	SP12-003
12/03/12	09.30 - 15.00	Mon	Darlaston Children's Centre	SP12-004
22/06/12	09.30 - 15.00	Fri	Hatherton Children's Centre	SM12-003
07/07/12	09.30 - 15.00	Sat	Willenhall Chart	SM12-002

Child Protection Level 2 £30.00

Aims & Objectives:

This course allows participants to gain a greater understanding of the role of multi-agency working within the framework of safeguarding plans, the Every Child Matters agenda and the Child Concern Model. It is a pre-requisite that you must have attended Child Protection Level 1.

This course is for Managers and Deputy Managers of settings.

Must be renewed every 3 years

Date	Time	Day	Venue	Course Code
05/10/11	09.00 - 16.00	Wed	Bentley Leisure Pavilion	AU11-001
20/01/12	09.00 - 16.00	Fri	Brownhills Children's Centre	SP12-001
10/03/12	09.00 - 16.00	Sat	Bentley Leisure Pavilion	SP12-002
25/06/12	09.00 - 16.00	Mon	Darlaston Children's Centre	SM12-001

Enabling Environments for Creativity £30.00

Aims & Objectives

The session aims to provide insights into:

- Effective learning and teaching strategies that engage children in their creative thinking and learning
- Effective classroom organisation and management
- The identification of resources that will support children's creativity.
- The important role of the early years practitioner

Dates	Time	Day	Venue	Course Code
11/11/11	09.30 - 15.30	Fri	EDC	AU11-023
13/12/11	09.30 - 15.30	Tues	EDC	AU11-024

Aims & Objectives

The Child Concern Model is a tool to help all partners working with children to agree the level of services and intervention a child and their family may require in order to fulfil their potential under the 5 Every Child Matters outcomes. Every Child Matters aims to integrate services for children from 0 - 19 with agencies working across professional boundaries to co-ordinate support around the needs of children and young people.

The Common Assessment Framework (CAF) builds on the Child Concern Model and uses common processes and language to meet those needs in the best possible way, focusing on prevention and early intervention and providing better support to parents and families. The CAF helps by supporting better information sharing between practitioners. It also provides practitioners with guidance on identifying the need for extra support and assessing specific needs and provides a vehicle for gathering practitioners together to address those needs.

This course is for Managers and Deputy Managers of settings.

Must be renewed every 3 years.

Date	Time	Day	Venue	Course Code
08/10/11	09.00 - 17.00	Sat	Bentley Leisure Pavilion	AU11-015
22/02/12	09.00 - 17.00	Wed	Brownhills Activity Centre	SP12-017
19/05/12	09.00 - 17.00	Sat	Bentley Leisure Pavilion	SM12-016

The Great Outdoors £30.00

Aims & Objectives

A practical session to explore the outdoors as an enabling environment and ways of enhancing provision for learning in outdoor spaces. Practitioners will explore resourcing suitable materials to inspire and stimulate children's interests whilst setting up environments to extend outdoor learning opportunities.

Date	Time	Day	Venue	Course Code
29/09/11	10.00 - 16.00	Thurs	Weave Recycle Ltd	AU11-016

Bespoke training

In addition to these training courses it is our intention over the coming year to provide more bespoke training sessions delivered in either individual settings or on a cluster basis.

Topics may be identified through your improvement officer in relation to the quality audit or from managers within settings through individual supervision/professional development sessions.

If you feel that your setting would benefit from this then you can talk to either your improvement officer, the training section or through your network meetings.

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