

Services for Young Children

Parents/ Carers Update October 2024

Included this month: Hitting the Cold Spots, BBC's Tiny Happy People, Funded Childcare/ Early Years Education, Early Years Skills Bootcamps



Hitting the Cold Spots: help for people struggling to keep their homes warm

Cold homes are not only uncomfortable but can lead to serious health problems in the very young, vulnerable, and elderly.

Open to all Hampshire residents, use the local advice line to access a range of support to help make homes energy efficient.

The Hitting the Cold Spots website also has useful tips and other sources of information:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/coldspots>

TINY HAPPY PEOPLE

BBC's

Tiny Happy People can help you develop your child's language and communication skills, so they get the best start in life.

They show you why and how parents can bond with their children, before they're born and throughout their early lives – it's never too early to start.

The ideas and activities are easy to build into a daily routine. They're quick and inspiring, but they're also based on expert advice and evidence, and are proven to help child development.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



Funded Childcare/ Early Years Education from 9-months old

Early years education provides socialisation and support with learning and development for children through play; as well as enabling parents to care for others, study or train, work or volunteer, etc.

Visit *Childcare Choices* for more information: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Other funding such as the *Early Years Pupil Premium*, *Disability Access* and *SEN Inclusion funding* may be available to support the childcare provider with your child's placement if appropriate. Speak to your childcare provider or contact [Services for Young Children](#).

Skills Bootcamps are marching their way to you!

Join a Skills Bootcamp for Hampshire residents. Among the 'camps' there is an Early Years one, for people looking to start or change their career. Participants will be able to access a funded course to provide training and skills to prepare them for a role in either an early years or childcare setting, or to become a childminder. The next bootcamp is happening in **Winchester, starting on the 4 November.**

For more information or to book onto the Skills Bootcamps, please contact Itchen College on 02380 435636 or email courses@itchen.ac.uk. <https://www.itchen.ac.uk/adult-learning/our-courses/adult-learning-courses/skills-bootcamps-in-early-years/>

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