

Services for Young Children

Parents/ Carers Update September 2024

Included this month: The Early Years SEND Partnership, Time for a new career?, Early Years Skills Bootcamps, Childcare and Schools Employability Programme, RSV vaccination



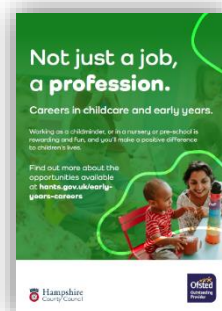
The Early Years SEND Partnership

[The Early Years SEND Partnership](#) is a national programme supporting professionals and parents with training, resources, and an approach to sharing learning, with the aim to increase access and inclusion in early

years for children with SEN and Disabilities. The national charity **Contact** are delivering free online **Brighter Beginnings, Early Years (0-5) workshops** for parents and carers, covering a range of topics. To book the September workshops visit: [Brighter Beginnings, Early Years \(0 - 5\) workshops | Eventbrite](#)

Time for a new career?

In Hampshire we need **Ofsted registered childminders** to help support children's development and learning, as well as provide a nurturing environment for children and young people to thrive. There is also a [childminder start up grant](#) to help set up your business. Up for the challenge... want to [know](#) more, book for the next information session: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autumn-2024-becoming-a-registered-hampshire-childminder-info-session-tickets-716728824207?aff=oddtcreator>



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 **Basingstoke, starting on the 7 October**. 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/>

Childcare and Schools Employability Programme

Do you know a Hampshire resident aged 19+, currently unemployed and in receipt of benefits?

Hampshire Achieves offers a **free** 3-week employability programme, to help people to apply for a job in the childcare and schools' sector. The next course is starting in **October**. For more details, check eligibility and apply, visit

<https://www.participationandlifelonglearning.co.uk/course/view.php?id=606> or contact: skills.participation@hants.gov.uk.



Have your RSV vaccination in September



RSV (or respiratory syncytial virus) can cause serious respiratory illness, especially for infants and the elderly. The new [#RSV](#) vaccine offers vital protection for those at highest risk. Expecting mothers (28+ weeks) are encouraged to talk to their maternity service or GP to ensure their baby is protected. Seniors aged 75-79 should come forward when invited to get the vaccine from September. Find out more at <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/.../what-is-rsv-and-is-there-a-.../>