30 hours

Monthly Update
free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds

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Early Years Resources

Achieving for Children have launched a new website called the AfC Info Site. This single website incorporates the existing SEND Local Offer but also includes a dedicated section for Young People and a Community Information section.

The Community Information section contains the Early Years and Family Information Service advice and information for families including a childcare search and community directory and a What's On calendar of events.

Early Years resources

All the early years resources and information can now be found at this new website, including the provider portal, the childcare search and 30 hours resources.

The website, including the Early Years resources, will be growing and developing. We will keep you informed on any changes. Please do let us know what you think via the website or directly to Early Years.

HMRC Application Deadline 31 August 2017

There are a small number of parents that have applied for their eligibility code on or before 31 August 2017 but have not received confirmation that they are eligible.

To support this critical first term of delivery, and for this term only, Achieving for Children has decided to fund a 30 hour place for parents that have received a code from HMRC by 14 September 2017, however, providers should be satisfied that a parent applied for 30 hours by 31 August 2017 before offering a 30 hours place.

For example, a parent might demonstrate that they applied before 31 August 2017 through sharing the information contained within their childcare account mailbox with the date they received the message.

Should providers offer an extended hours place during the period from 1st to 14th September they will need to agree with parents that in the event of their application returning from HMRC as 'not eligible' the parents will be liable for the costs of the childcare delivered.

Validating 30 Hour Codes

You can now access the [Provider Portal](#) to carry out validation checks on the 30 hour eligibility codes you have been given. You will need to carry out the validation check on codes before being able to confirm any extended funding places.

Upcoming Events

1. The provider portal has undergone an update and some aspects of the portal now look different. We have planned training for providers on how to use the system and this will be held in both in Kingston and Richmond. The training has been designed for both existing Portal users as a refresher and to inform them of the new features, and as a starting point for new providers that have not used the portal before.

   The dates, times and locations of the system training are listed below:

   - **Kingston:** Monday 11 September, 7-9pm at King Charles Centre
   - **Richmond:** Wednesday 13 September, 7-9pm, at Twickenham Training Centre

   The training dates have not yet been published on CPD Online for this, we will notify you when you are able to reserve your place on CPD Online. Please note, due to limited places, attendance has been restricted to one person per setting.

2. We are holding 30 hour workshops to support providers who are currently undergoing planning for the delivery of 30 hours and for those who are still not sure and feel that they require further support and information to make a decision.

   The first workshop will focus on **delivery models and compliance**. The details of the first workshop are as follows:
   - Monday 25 September, 2-4pm or 7-9pm, at Twickenham Training Centre

   The workshop will explore the different types of models that providers can develop in order to offer 30 hour places at their settings. The workshop will also reflect on the legislation that underpins the 30 hours, with a focus on lunch fees, charges, pricing structures, terms and conditions and invoices.

   The workshop has been published on [CPD Online](#) and is available for you to reserve a place.