

# Early Language Development Programme (ELDP)



## Laying the foundations of good communication development in young children

### Day 1 training:

**ELDP Module 1** - Babies' and toddlers' speech, language and communication development

**ELDP Module 2** - Working with under 3's – Positive approaches to supporting communication development

### Day 2 training:

**ELDP Module 3** - Working with parents and families to support young children's speech, language and communication

### Day 3 training: ½ Day

**ELDP Module 4** - Exploring Chatterbag & ELDP toolkit resources to support practice

### Who is this training for?

Children's Centre Managers, practitioners and outreach workers  
Health Visitors and Nursery Nurses  
Family Support Workers  
Practitioners / workers and Outreach Workers  
Preschool, Nursery, PVI Managers and Practitioners  
Childminders

The **Early Language Development Programme (ELDP)** aims to ensure more young children develop the language skills they need to be school ready and to improve their life chances. The programme will particularly target 0-2 year olds and their families in England's most disadvantaged areas.

Evidence shows that children's understanding and use of vocabulary at 2 years old is very strongly associated with their performance on entering primary school. In some areas of social deprivation within the UK more than 50% of children start school without the communication skills they need.

### How it will work

ELDP will help Children's Centres, schools, nurseries and preschools build capacity and skills in communication and language – one of the three prime areas in the *Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)* Curriculum. The programme focuses on strategies to improve practitioners' learning and skills in early identification and intervention and encourages partnership working with other agencies and settings, to include Children's Centres, speech and language therapists and health visitors.

It will build on the good practice that has been developed through the Government funded Every Child a Talker (ECAT) programme. ELDP aims to reach up to 16,000 practitioners in almost 4,000 Children's Centres and early years settings, and over 960,000 families.

This 2 ½ day training programme will be delivered across West/Central hubs. Please note Day 1 (ELDP Module 1 & 2) must be attended before Day 2 (Module 3) and Day 3 (Module 4) which is ½ a day.

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