

Services for Young Children

Parents/ Carers Update January 2025

Included this month: Early Years Skills Bootcamps, Hampshire Family Information and Services Hub Directory and SEND Local Offer, Fatherhood Institute, benefits and financial support for families

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, develop or change their career.

Participants will be able to access a funded 3-week course that provides training and skills to prepare them for a role in either an early years or childcare setting, or to become a childminder.



The next bootcamps are happening in:

Andover, starting on **13 January**; **Totton**, starting on **24 February** and **Gosport** starting on **14 March**.

For more information or to book onto the Skills Bootcamps, please contact Itchen College on 02380 435636 or email courses@itchen.ac.uk.

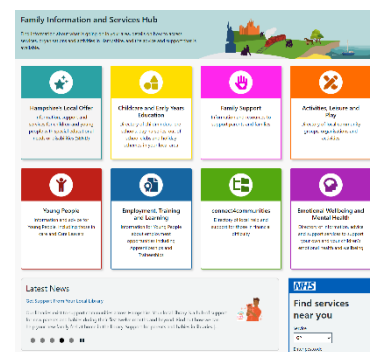
<https://www.itchen.ac.uk/adult-learning/our-courses/adult-learning-courses/skills-bootcamps-in-early-years/>

Have you heard of the Hampshire Family Information and Services Hub Directory and the SEND Local Offer?

Here you will find information about what is going on in your area; details on how to access services, organisations and activities in Hampshire, and the advice and support that is available <https://fish.hants.gov.uk/>

The Hampshire *Local Offer* – part of the Family Information and Services Hub directory is dedicated to families with children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/localoffer.page?familychannel=6>



FATHERHOOD INSTITUTE

The Fatherhood Institute is a UK charity working to build a society that values, prepares, and supports men as involved fathers and caregivers. Their work focuses on research, policy, and practice.

The Institute continues to push the case for a well-funded package of non-transferable parental leave for fathers - <https://smileycharityfilmawards.com/films/6-weeks-for-dads>

They are also campaigning for better health support for fathers:

<https://www.fatherhoodinstitute.org/looking-out-for-dad>

Benefits and financial support for families

If you look after children or plan to have or adopt a child, check out the GOV.UK guide to benefits and financial support, which also includes Child Benefit:

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/families>

There are also benefits calculators to help work out what support your family could receive:

<https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators>



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