

# Services for Young Children

## Parents/ Carers Update January 2026

Included this month: Playwork and Early Years Skills Bootcamps, new year, new career? Hampshire Family Information and Services Hub Directory and SEND Local Offer, benefits and financial support for families



### Step into bootcamps to start the year

Hampshire County Council are funding **Playwork Skills Bootcamps** to support recruitment for wraparound care and Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programmes. The next courses are taking place in **January 2026** in **Winchester** and **Southampton**: [Skills Bootcamps – Itchen Sixth Form College](#) Also, the next Early Years Skills Bootcamp is returning to **Eastleigh** in **February 2026**. Check out the latest film for details [Unlock Your Future with Skills Bootcamps | Hear from Learners &](#)



### [Employers](#)

Also, HSDC are also running and Early Years Skills Bootcamp from their Alton campus, East Hampshire in **January 2026** [HSDC SKILLS BOOTCAMPS - Funded by Hampshire County Council | HSDC](#)

### New Year, 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. As well as being your own boss, you can also employ assistants and apprentices to help expand your business, including providing wraparound care for school age children.

Up for the challenge... [want to know more](#), and book for the next information session on **20 January 2025**: [Spring 2026 'Becoming a Registered Hampshire Childminder' info session Tickets, Tue 20 Jan 2026 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)



### 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://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/family-information-and-services-hub-fish/>

The Hampshire *SEND 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://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/family-information-and-services-hub-fish/send-local-offer/>

### 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>