



Early Years Learning Leads

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Every child deserves to be heard and understood. That's why the Department for Education (DfE) is introducing Early Language Leads as part of the Best Start in Life programme.

Trained Early Language Leads, based within your local Early Years Stronger Practice Hub will support early years educators to strengthen their practice through providing free high quality CPD and bespoke support. Together, these will equip early years practitioners with the skills and knowledge they need so that every child can find their voice and thrive in life.

Why learn more about communication and language?

The right support in those early years can make a crucial difference to a child's future – especially when it comes to speech and language development.

Children's language skills at age five are the biggest predictor of later attainment. They are also one of the strongest predictors of children's overall school achievement and success on entering the workforce.

That's why we're proud to introduce Early Language Leads to help early years educators to ensure that all children – especially those who struggle with talking and understanding words – can learn, grow and thrive.

And most importantly, you will be able to transform the lives of the children you work with, giving them the best possible start and helping them on their way to achieving their full potential.





Early Years Stronger Practice CPD (2–4 year olds)

By the end of the communication and language module, participants will have an increased level of knowledge which they can embed in their day-to-day activity, ensuring their setting is aligned with best practice approaches.

Across 7 units, practitioners will learn vital skills and knowledge to support children's speech, language and communication skills, that will not only boost their professional development but give children the tools they need to succeed.

Module content

This communication and language module will involve a total of 24.5 hours of learning, covering topics including:

- understanding typical language development
- creating communication supportive environments
- achieving high-quality interactions
- measuring progress, identifying needs
- how language supports behaviour and wellbeing
- building partnership with parents
- embedding good communication and language in your setting

Learning format

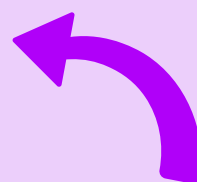
For each unit, practitioners will complete two hours of online self-study, and attend a total of seven facilitated webinars, led by our speech and language experts

Bespoke support

Your setting can apply to your local Early Years Stronger Practice Hub for bespoke support. Early Language Leads will be able to collaborate with you to develop personalised action plans, helping you to address your specific needs and lead the way in communication and language support.

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Early Language Leads are part of a wider Early Years Learning Leads offer. Support will also be available from Early Maths and Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) Leads, providing a comprehensive professional development and support offer for early years settings.



For more information, and to sign up, contact your local [Early Years Stronger Practice Hub](#).

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