

The DfE have contacted the Early Years Team to identify EY providers that may be eligible for PDP 3 Training that is part of the covid recovery programme to develop practitioners' expertise and raise outcomes for children, and the Education Development Trust, have started to email Slough settings to ask them to make applications.

The EYPDP is a DfE part funded high quality, evidence-based Professional Development opportunity for up to 10,000 early years practitioners across England. It consists of online self-study eLearning and regular facilitated webinars with a total of 60 hours learning to be delivered over an 8-month period. There are a total of 4 cohorts of learners, with staggered start dates across 2023/25. Training will be broken down into 4 modules for Communication and Language, Early Mathematics, Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED), plus a final Action Planning module. **The first cohort starts in February 2023 with a completion date of October 2023**.

Education Development Trust are coordinating the training with delivery partners **Anna Freud** and **Speech and Language UK**, to ensure the quality of the training content and support for practitioners.

Eligible settings offer childcare to children between 2 and 4 years of age and meet at least two of the following criteria:

- Provide to at least one child with an EHC Plan or Disability Access Fund indicator
- Provide to at least one child in receipt of EYPP
- Provide to at least one disadvantaged two-year-old
- Local intelligence suggests disadvantaged children would benefit from their practitioners receiving additional CPD support

Additionally, participating practitioners must:

- Be qualified to at least level 3
- Be currently working with 2-4 year olds (e.g. a manager who does not spend any time with the children is not eligible)
- Not have completed a previous version of the early years professional development programme delivered by Education Development Trust



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For more information about this exciting training opportunity please read the attached brochure:



What do Setting Managers need to do to register EYPs?

To register an EYP for the programme, Setting Managers or childminders will need to:

- 1. Go to the EYPDP website
- 2. Click on Register Interest from the menu bar
- 3. On the register interest page, click on the expression of interest form and enter your setting details

4. Click submit and the Early Years PDP team will get in touch to complete the registration (this may take a few days as we will need to do an eligibility check)

5. Contact earlyyearspdp@edt.org if you have any question

What do practitioners gain from doing the training?

- A comprehensive package of professional development that is based on current early years pedagogy. An opportunity to build upon your skills and knowledge with peers and expert trainers.
- Support to engage with parents and carers to support the home learning environment.
- The skills to identify children at risk of speech, language and communication needs.
- An understanding of the theory of child development in Early Mathematics, developed by subject experts.
- The skills to support children's self-confidence and self-awareness, managing feelings and behaviours, and making relationships through expertly developed PSED training.
- An OCN London-endorsed CPD certificate on completion of the programme.

Funding

The programme is free for practitioners to access and funded by the DfE. There has been amount of additional funding that will be made available to settings with EYPs completing the training to provide some financial support for backfill to release staff, which Slough will be responsible for managing.

If you have any queries about the training or emails you have received from the Education Development Trust team please contact **karen.loft@slough.gov.uk**

