

Making Choices in Working with Children, Young People and Adults

Information on the new programme

The new *Making Choices in Working with Children, Young People and Adults* programme, is to replace the original Making Choices orientation programme, from April 2006. The programme has been funded by the Department for Education and Skills.

What is the aim of the new programme?

The aim of the programme is to help people make an informed choice about choosing a career in working with children, young people and families, in order to enable the on-going expansion of the children's workforce.

What are the main objectives of the programme?

By the end of the programme participants will have an awareness of:

- The diverse services available to children, young people and families
- The specific roles and responsibilities involved in working with children, young people and families, in Early Years Education, Childcare, Playwork and Foster Care
- The importance and relevance of training for working with children, young people and families
- The training and career opportunities available within the children's workforce
- Possible sources of information for supporting career choices

Who will be the target audience?

The programme will appeal to a wide audience including those who are making early career choices, returning to work or learning, changing careers or for those already working in the children's workforce who wish to further their careers, or move into a different sector.

How long is the programme?

The programme allows for flexibility in its delivery with an overall total of 12 hours. The programme could be delivered over a series of six, 2 hour sessions or as three full days.

Who can deliver the programme?

Training providers who are signed up to the Code of Practice, through either SkillsActive or the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC), may deliver the programme.

What does the training pack include?

The training pack contains the following:

- Session plans
- Tutor notes and Reference materials
- Handouts
- Publicity leaflet
- Registration and evaluation forms
- CD-ROM containing all materials plus Power Point Presentation slides

Are there any other support materials?

There is a film provided on either a video or DVD which accompanies the

programme. The film features a variety of settings within Early Years, Childcare, Playwork and Foster Care. The production of the video/DVD was funded by the CWDC.

Does attendance on the programme give participants a qualification?

No. The programme will be accredited with SkillsActive and CWDC and participants will receive a certificate. Completion of the programme does however indicate that participants have taken time to consider their options before choosing to enter the sector and are aware of the importance of undertaking appropriate training.

Why does the programme cover these four sectors?

The four sectors were chosen because Early Years, childcare, Playwork and Foster Care have some immediate capacity and quality challenges in terms of recruitment. The training pack does however contain information regarding the wider children's workforce and related sectors.

Does the programme cover all four nations?

The new programme relates to the children's workforce in England only. However many of the exercises are relevant to the other countries of the UK and the programme could be adapted.

How much will the programme cost?

The cost of the pack is £100.00 and in addition certificates will cost £8.00 per person

Who might fund the programme?

When seeking sources of funding you may wish to consider approaching some of the following organisations:

- Local Authority Sure Start
- Children's Fund

- Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships or Children's Services
- Learning and Skills Council
- Children's Trust
- Primary Health Trust
- Jobcentre Plus

How can I obtain the pack?

By registering your interest with either of the following:

SkillsActive

The Playwork Unit
Castlewood House
77-91 New Oxford Street
London
WC1A 1PX

Tel: Stacey Baker or Kiran Sahota
020 7632 2020

Email: admin@skillsactive.com
www.playwork.org.uk

Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC)

3rd Floor Friends Provident House
13-14 South Parade
Leeds

LS1 5QS

Tel: 0113 244 6311

Email: info@cwdcouncil.org.uk
www.cwdcouncil.org.uk

How can I apply for the code of practice for delivery of training?

By contacting either SkillsActive or CWDC as above.

If I was previously registered with the Early Years NTO for their Code of Practice what should I do?

Contact the CWDC who is dealing with enquiries from Early Years Training providers.