



**Heart Midlands** 



# Stronger Practice Hub Childminder Networks Showcase Event



**Kent Early Years** 



Northern Lights Early Years Hub North East



Reachout Early Years
East of England Network



Yorkshire & Humber Together





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**Feedback** 

- Give Childminders access to the Evidence Store and support them to put informed approaches into their practice
- Develop networks to support Childminders promoting collaborative working, Childminders often feel isolated





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- Appointing Childminder partners in 5/5 hubs
- Working with Childminder Area Leads for Expert and Mentor Programme
- Gathering information
- Establishing networks
- Meeting with Childminders to discuss support network



EMMA D'SOUZA CHILDMINDER, ESSEX



Heart – Midlands Stronger Practice Hub









What we have done so far...



157 ENGAGED SO FAR



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61 CHILDMINDERS ATTENDING





## What we have done so far, continued...

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AREA LEADS &

MENTORS







TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Join our regular online networking session for #childminders across the

November's session will focus on and explore 'The Role of Play' and its impact on children's development.

SIGN UP: eventbrite.co.uk/e/childminder-..



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**EVERYDAY** ACROSS

BIRMINGHAM



## What our Providers had to say...

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"THE CHILDMINDER STAY AND PLAY GROUPS HAVE BEEN A VERY VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR US TO ACCESS, PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND CHILDMINDERS TO PLAY AND SOCIALISE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

IT ENABLES US TO MEET UP WITH OTHER CHILDMINDERS IN THE AREA TO CREATE A NETWORK TO SHARE IDEAS, DISCUSS CHANGES IN THE SECTOR, SHARE WORK OPPORTUNITIES AND ALSO TO GAIN SUPPORT AND KNOWLEDGE FROM FELLOW CHILDMINDERS.

THE CHILDREN GET TO BECOME PART OF A WIDER COMMUNITY, MIXING WITH A LARGER GROUP OF CHILDREN FROM DIFFERENT SETTINGS AND FORMING RELATIONSHIPS. IT HAS DEFINITELY MADE MY JOB A LITTLE EASIER AS SOMETIMES THIS JOB.



"I HAVE BECOME A REGULAR ATTENDEE OF THE CHILDMINDER 'STAY AND PLAY' GROUP. IT'S SO VALUABLE TO HAVE SOMEWHERE TO MEET OTHER CHILDMINDERS AND THEIR MINDEES, A PLACE WHERE INFORMATION, ADVICE AND EXPERIENCES BETWEEN CHILDMINDERS CAN BE EXCHANGED AND WHERE THE CHILDREN CAN MEET, PLAY AND MAKE MORE FRIENDS."

LOUISE

"I FEEL THAT THESE SESSIONS HAVE MADE A REALLY BIG IMPACT NOT ONLY WITH THE CHILDREN SOCIALISING IN LARGER NUMBERS BUT WITH MYSELF TOO.

IT'S GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MIX WITH OTHER CHILDMINDERS AND DISCUSS AND SHARE BEST PRACTICES. I FEEL THAT THE SESSIONS HAVE BEEN VALUABLE AND LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE HOW IT DEVELOPS FURTHER."

MARIE



Kent Early Years
Stronger Practice Hub











**Blogs** 

## **Kent Early Years Stronger Practice Hub**

What we have done so far...





KENT EYSPH HAVE 826 CHILDMINDERS ON OUR MAILING LIST FROM KENT, TASTEDUCATION SUSSEX, SURREY, WEST SUSSEX, BRIGHTON AND HOVE, ISLE OF WIGHT & MEDITAL E

FOLLOWING OUR PROVIDER FEEDBACK AT OUR WELCOME WEBINARS WE TOOK 'YOU SAID, WE DID' APPROACH:

- In June we delivered a webinar on 'Self Regulation' with **157** people, there were **15** childminders.
- We successfully delivered two webinars in October and November on 'supporting children with their speech and language' with a coaching and mentoring approach. Eight childminders attended.
- Our Mastery of Maths webinar was very successful with over 92
  participants and over 37 further requests for the recorded webinar to date.





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## Our learning so far

- Recording all our webinars so childminders can watch it in their own time.
- Social media platforms such as Facebook and TikTok have been invaluable in engaging childminders with bitesize evidence based practice at times that suit them. In January we reached over 30K people.
- Live webinars are delivered at 7pm slots with priority for childminders.
- Working closely with Childminding Mentor Area Leads programme has been useful for us to learn from existing networks.

### **Next steps**

- Develop networks through our Open Day Series, childminders visiting settings to share 'inspirational practice'. For example, Gem has an outdoor ethos as a childminder which she is willing to share.
- Build upon our existing frameworks in Kent to enhance good practice.
- Work towards making a difference to children's outcomes following provider feedback on our work.











Why

Our 'Let's Talk About' sessions focused on the impact on practice following our webinars



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"I NOW KNOW THAT I
AM NOT ALONE IN SAYING
THAT
I FIND IT NOT ALWAYS EASY
TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH
THEIR SELF REGULATION"

"I FEEL BETTER IN KNOWING THAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE HAVING THE SAME ISSUES AS ME" "I FEEL MORE CONFIDENT
THAT I AM DOING THE RIGHT
THING ALTHOUGH IT IS
SOMETIMES TRIAL AND
ERROR"

## **Feedback**

"THE MATHS WEBINAR WAS
A REAL EYE OPENER FOR
ME...
THANK YOU SO MUCH!"

"AS A CHILDMINDER, I FEEL VALUED AND RESPECTED IN THIS DISCUSSION"





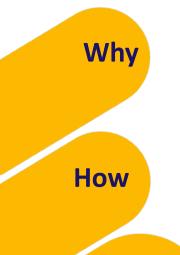






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What we have done so far...



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## **Tiny Tweeties**

"WE ABSOLUTELY LOVE THE FACT THAT TINY TWEETIES IS SUITABLE FOR THE UNDER 5'S AND THE CHILDREN GAIN SO MUCH FROM THE EXPERIENCE WHEN INVOLVED IN MUSIC.

MY KEY POINTS I TOOK AWAY REGARDING
THE SESSION ARE THE COMMUNICATION AND
LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY PARAMOUNT HERE, IT
DIRECTLY IMPACTS ON THE CHILDREN
THROUGH SONG AND MUSIC AS WELL AS
DEVELOPING THEIR SOCIAL INTERACTION AND
AWARENESS THAT SUPPORTS THEIR PSED IN
GROUP SESSIONS.

I NOW KNOW WHERE TO ACCESS THIS
EVIDENCE AND RESEARCH THAT WILL HELP
ME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE KEY AREAS
OF CHIL











## **Nature Pioneers**

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"I CAN ALREADY SEE THE IMPACT IT HAS MADE JUST OVER THE SESSIONS I HAVE ALREADY ATTENDED.

I REALLY CAN'T BELIEVE HOW MUCH THE CHILDREN HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN EXPOSED TO.

IT HAS MADE LIFE A LOT EASIER BEING ABLE TO USE THE TOOLS PROVIDED THROUGH THE SPH NETWORK SESSIONS TO RECALL KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND WORDS ABOUT THEIR NATURAL WORLD.

I COULDN'T BELIEVE HOW MANY AREAS OF LEARNING WERE INTERWOVEN DURING THE SESSION AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE UGH QUALITY INTERACTIONS MODELLED TO US W



INSPIRING FOUNDATIONS

Mill Hill Nursery















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## Blogs



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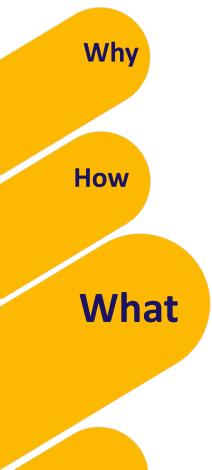






Reachout Early Years Stronger Practice Hub





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## Reach out Early Years Stronger Practice Hub East of England

## What we have achieved so far...

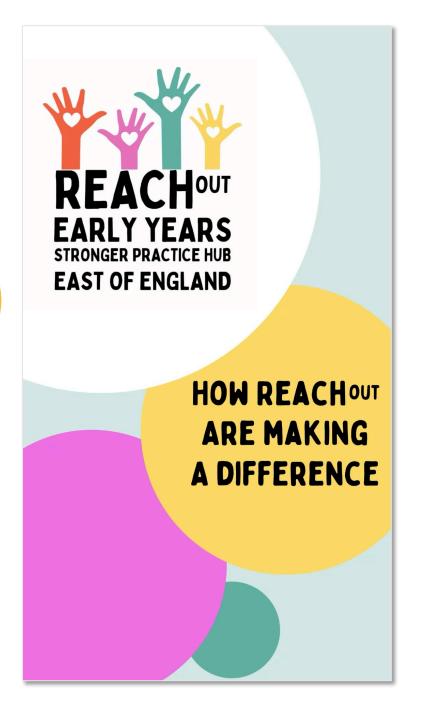
- ESTABLISHED 10 CHILDMINDER NETWORKS
- TAKEN ON A CHILDMINDER PARTNER
- COORDINATED AND DELIVERED CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS
- PROVIDED HIGH QUALITY RESOURCES TO SUPPORT AND IMPROVE PRACTICE



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## What we have Achieved so far, continued...

- ullet resilience tracker training: 80% of delegates were childminders
- PROVIDED SUPPORTING MATERIALS WITH RESOURCES TO INTRODUCE EVIDENCE STORE TO CHILDMINDERS
- 53% OF PROVIDERS IN OUR NETWORK ARE CHILDMINDERS.

  SO FAR WE'VE ENGAGED WITH OVER 200 CHILDMINDERS!
- TWILIGHT SALT WEBINARS TO SUIT CHILDMINDERS. RECORDED
   AND ADDED TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL TO WATCH AT A
   CONVENIENT TIME





## What our providers had to say...

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"I HAVE FOUND IT SO

VALUABLE BECAUSE AFTER

COVID THE CONNECTION AND

COMMUNITY FEEL AS

CHILDMINDERS WAS LOST

AND THE OPPORTUNITIES

HAD BECOME LIMITED.

THIS GROUP HAS MADE A

REAL DIFFERENCE."

#### **RESILIENCE TRACKER TRAINING:**

"I CAN NEVER LEARN ENOUGH
ABOUT BRAIN DEVELOPMENT, ADVERSE
CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES, TRAUMA AND
THE EARLY YEARS. SUCH INTERESTING SUBJECTS
AND THE MORE WE KNOW, THE BETTER WE ARE
EQUIPPED TO SUPPORT OUR LITTLE PEOPLE. THIS
COURSE HAS GIVEN ME SUCH A SIMPLE WAY
TO LOOK DEEPER INTO CHILDREN'S RESILIENCE
AND HOW WE CAN SUPPORT THEM AND
PREPARE THEM THE BEST WE
CAN FOR THE WORLD."

We asked:
'How useful do you find the network meetings?' 100% of our providers gave

"IT HAS BEEN
INVALUABLE FOR
INFORMATION AND
KNOWING WHERE
TO GO FOR
SUPPORT."

10/10





Yorkshire & Humber Together Early Years Stronger Practice Hub





# Yorkshire & Humber Together Stronger Practice Hub





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What we have done so far...



- Loss of local networks creating isolation for childminders
- Covid recovery
- Encouraging a love of books to support children becoming early readers
- Sessions to bring Childminders together in working time
- Collaboration of expertise in music and early years
- Encouraging interactive book reading



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- Supporting early readers through the magic of story and music
- Links to early years evidence store
- Books and instruments to take away and use at home to try out some new things
- Sowing the seeds for growth of childminder networks
- Value placed on sessions interactive, new ideas
- Networks exclusively for Childminders received positively
- Children benefited







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## Something I have learned...

"How to break up the words (and the pattern of the words - syllables)"

"That any story you can pick up and bring to life with music - continue with repetition"

## Something I have already done...

"We extended our learning by going on a real train ride"

"I re-read the story with other children in my setting using the instruments and other instruments to re enact what we did at the group".

## Something I now plan to do...

"Learn about other transport vehicles with the children"

"Do this more with other stories to engage the children more and enhance their concentration skills"

"Will get the animals out and follow the theme and add to areas of provision."

"Will definitely carry on with music activities-he loved being an elephant"

"Make a music bag"

"Try to engage with other childminders"

"Buy a whistle" (The Train Ride book)







