

# Early Years Stronger Practice CPD for children under 2

## Communication and language

Every child deserves to be heard and understood. That's why we're proud to offer this communication and language module as part of the Best Start in Life programme from the Department for Education (DfE).

Following the success of the Department for Education's Early Years Professional Development Programme, trained Early Language Leads will support early years practitioners with the skills and knowledge they need to help babies get the best start in life.

**Why learn more about communication and language?**

The right support in the first two years can make a crucial difference to a baby's future – especially when it comes to speech and language development.

This communication and language module will help practitioners to ensure that all babies can learn, grow and thrive.

As part of this module, participants will study a range of topics that will help them to create a truly inclusive and forward-thinking learning environment.

Early Language Leads based in 36 Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs across England will deliver a series of engaging webinars to support and embed this learning.

Practitioners will learn vital skills and knowledge to support babies' speech, language and communication skills that will not only boost their professional development but give babies the start they need to succeed.



## Participants

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.
And most importantly, they'll be able to transform the lives of the babies they work with, giving them the best possible start and helping them on their full potential.



## Module content

This communication and language module will involve a total of 14 hours of learning, covering topics including:

- **understanding language and communication development**
- **achieving high-quality interactions**
- **building partnerships with parents**
- **creating a communication-supportive environment**
- **how babies learn more than one language**
- **supporting all babies to develop their language and communication skills**



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**Learning format**

For each unit (four in total), practitioners will complete two hours of online self study and attend a facilitated webinar, led by our speech and language experts.

**Bespoke support**

In addition to accessing this expert training, 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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Located across England, the Stronger Practice Hubs offer training and tools informed by the latest research and best practices in early childhood education. Alongside this communication and language module, they are also recruiting Early Maths Leads to offer an early maths module for practitioners working with under 2s.

For more information, and to sign up, contact your local Early Years Stronger Practice Hub.

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