Together for Twos

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- Established in 1977 as National Childminding Association
- Rebranded to Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY)
- The professional association for everyone working in early years
- Provides training and CPD, advice and information services, and facilitate peer to peer support
- Raises the profile of high quality childcare with government, regulators and the public















What is Together for Twos?

A Department for Education (DfE) grant to support the first two challenges outlined in *Unlocking Talent, Fulfilling Potential* (DfE Social Mobility Plan)

- Ensure more disadvantaged children are able to experience a language rich early environment.
- Improve the availability and take up of high quality early years provision by disadvantaged children.
- Project runs from Oct 2018- March 2021

Target reach

Local Reach

7 Local authorities where the take up of two year old places is less than 65%.

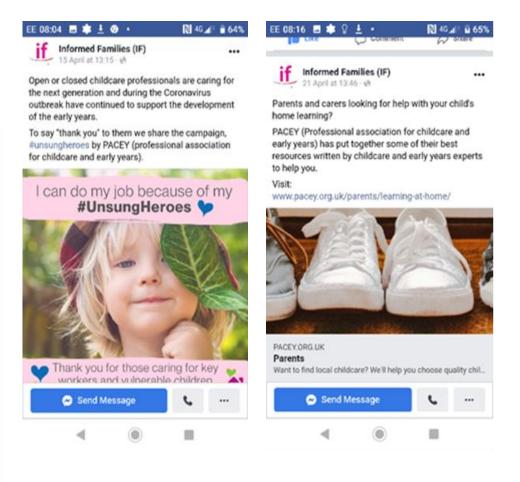
Greenwich, Bexley, Hillingdon, Harrow, Southend on Sea, Waltham Forest and Enfield.

Childminder Development Workers providing outreach working with Childminders, Job Centre Plus, Health Visitors, Social Workers, Children's Centres, Libraries, other community groups

Working in partnership











Job Centre Plus



Explore information and resources designed to help Job Centre Plus (JCP) staff in England support parents in their search for high quality childcare, available childcare funding and information about careers in childcare, specifically childminding.

We know the important role JCP staff play in advising and sharing information with parents at critical stages of their lives, and through the meetings that take place with work coaches to support parents in preparing for work.

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These resources for JCP staff will help ensure that they are aware of the different childcare options, including the range of childcare entitlements available.



Information for social workers



Social workers play a vital role in supporting families under pressure. We've got information and resordesigned to help social workers to advise the families they work with. These resources will help social workers to make families aware of:

- 🛊 the different childcare options available to them
- the government funding they may be eligible for, and how to apply for this



Childminding as a career







Resources- for partners



Childcare: helping you choose

Registered childminders can help your child learn, play and grow in a home setting. They are trained, insured, and have to meet the same requirements for quality and procedures as nurseries.



Childminders are self-employed and work in their own homes. They care for small numbers of children, all year round, and will often look after a range of ages - from babies through to school children.

Registered childminders are able to offer government-funded places for eligible 2- 3- and 4-year-olds. This means you can access supported childcare and keep your child in a home-from-home environment.



Childminders are not babysitters

Did you know, childminders are regulated, trained and experienced?

A great option for your child.

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Job Centre Plus

- Childcare: ready to choose leaflets been requested by Job Centres
- Presentations to work coaches
- Claimant advice

There are 33 JCP District Childcare Champions which is a result of the project partnership. They have overarching responsibility for ensuring Childcare and funding information is shared across all JCPs.

Claimant sessions held in Children Centres- Greenwich

Feedback was gained from 25 claimants who attended the sessions in December 2019.

Of the 25 who completed the evaluation;

25 preferred to hold the sessions at the Children's Centre rather than a Job Centre location.

20 said the sessions at the Children's Centre were better for their children.

17 said they were more relaxed.

18 said that the sessions were closer to their home.



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Impact

Interim report April 2020

The Development Officers reported of many "penny dropping" moments when talking directly to parents about childcare funding.

Across all 7 local authority areas a total of almost 3,000 parents were spoken to and provided with information and resources.

"I don't want to be on benefits for the rest of my life, it's important that my children see me doing something. I'm always saying to them, 'work hard at school and you'll be able to get a good job'. I want to show them that's true. And that all starts with finding some confidence. When I went to the work club event at my children's centre, I thought, I can either sit at the back quietly and let other people talk, or I can speak up. I decided to ask the questions I needed to know the answers to and that's when I found out I was eligible for the two-year-old funding from PACEY

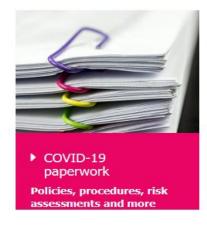
L/A feedback

"Southend is one of the host LAs for the Together for Two's Project managed by PACEY, this has been a great success both in terms of promoting two year old funding but also bringing partners back around the table to work together. This has led to great connections being relighted for example with the local Job Centre looking at Childminding as a career, informing parents of the childcare funding that is available. We worked closely with PACEY to implement this opportunity and agreed that the outreach post would sit in the LA with the Early Years Team this has been so beneficial as we have worked and learnt together." **Elaine Hammans, Head of Early Years**

Covid-19 childcare toolkit for early years settings



Since the government announced the planned re-opening of childcare and early years settings in England and Wales from June we have pulled together a range of support, advice and blogs to tackle key topics you will need to consider and think about before re-opening.





Managing your setting

Advice on symptoms, hygiene and more



 Practitioner experience

Get advice on how settings have adapted





Feel confident using childcare

Tips for choosing childcare during COVID



Partners









Training and qualifications

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Training can help you prepare for a new role, or get the most out of your current job. Discover early years and childcare training and qualifications available for you.









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