

# Services for Young Children

## Parents/ Carers Update – September 2026

Included this month: Time for a new career?, Care for the Family, 'Worrying about Money?' resources, Hampshire Skills Bootcamps, First Words Together



### Time for a new career?

In Hampshire we need **Ofsted registered childminders** to help support children's development and learning, as well as provide a nurturing environment for children and young people to thrive. As well as being your own boss, you can also employ assistants and apprentices to help expand your business, including providing wraparound care for school age children.

Up for the challenge... want to [know](#) more, and book for the next information session on **6 October 2025**: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autumn-2026-becoming-a-registered-hampshire-childminder-info-session-tickets-1794524313529?aff=oddtcreator>

### Care for the Family

Care for the Family is a national charity that focuses on family life: marriage, parenting and bereavement. They provide support through their website, telephone befriending service, webinars and face to face events.

They also have a range of resources to help families such as their 'Top Tips' leaflets that are free to download. For further information visit <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/>



### 'Worrying About Money?' resources

The UK-wide [Independent Food Aid Network \(IFAN\)](#) and [Hampshire County Council public health team](#) have created '[Worrying About Money?](#)' resources for all eleven Hampshire local authorities.

The resources are straightforward step-by-step guides to help people facing money worries or financial crisis as well as support workers and volunteers to quickly see any available cash-first focused help that is available and accessible.

Check out [Finding cash-first options in Hampshire – New, localised, step-by-step 'Worrying About Money?' resources – Independent Food Aid Network](#)

### Hampshire Skills Bootcamps

Join a Skills Bootcamp for Hampshire residents. Among the 'camps' there is an Early Years one, for people looking to start or change their career. Participants will be able to access a funded course to provide training and skills to prepare them for a role in either an Early Years or childcare setting, or to become a childminder. The next bootcamp is starting from **28 September** in **Eastleigh**.

For more information or to book onto the Skills Bootcamps, please contact Itchen College on 02380 435636 or email [courses@itchen.ac.uk](mailto:courses@itchen.ac.uk). <https://www.itchen.ac.uk/adult-learning/our-courses/adult-learning-courses/skills-bootcamps-in-early-years/>



### First Words Together

First Words Together is a friendly, free, 5-week course delivered in your local library, designed to help you build confidence, enjoy special time with your little one (aged 6 to 30 months) and discover simple tips to support their early communication.

See further details of local sessions taking place

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/services/support-parents/first-words-together>