

Swindon Sure Start Partnership Training Plan 2011 – 2012



The first draft of the SSSP Training Plan April 2011 – March 2012 is now available to view/download from the training section of www.earlyyearschildcare.org

This draft includes:

- Qualification details
- Qualification funding
- SSSP Short Course to meet EYFS welfare requirements via timetabled courses or in house training
- Additional courses available from other agencies

We are working to confirm the following training:

- EYFS training from the Early Years' Consultants
- Sector specific short courses and workshops
- Availability of individual Level 3 Diploma units for Level 3+ qualified staff who require additional training in other areas eg due to a change on job role. Some of the units being considered are... Family Support, SEN, Working with Babies.

Changes for 2011 – 2012

Due to cuts in public spending and availability of alternative funding there are a number of changes that you should make yourself familiar with.

- Short courses: Fees have increased – they are still offered at a subsidised cost and remain good value. Course fees are detailed on the timetables and setting contributions towards in house training are listed on page d.4
- Qualification funding: With our reduced budget we **must** make use of all other funding & grants available to practitioners prior to allocating SSSP funding, for example Apprenticeship Funding and Student Finance England Grants. Please visit the qualification and funding sections to find out more. Details regarding funding amounts for Level 2 and 3 can be found in the SSSP Level 2 & 3 Funding Guides
- Practitioners wishing to undertake Higher Education qualifications should be aware of the deadlines for the first and second funding rounds for HE – 20th June & 11th July respectively
- To be considered for SSSP funding practitioners must meet our eligibility criteria, please be aware this does not guarantee funding. Funding may be allocated for some qualifications and short courses to meet local priorities and Ofsted requirements
- The Senior Safeguarding Children course is now accessed through the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and is known as Child Protection Update Training

Due to the many changes this year you must read the relevant training plan pages and funding guides prior to applying for any funding so that you are aware of the new guidance.

Important Information

- Swindon Sure Start Partnership will reclaim any funding from students who withdraw from their course
- From April 2011 the return of both information and workforce audits will be a condition for all Swindon Sure Start Partnership grants and training funding. In cases where audits are missing funding will be withheld until they have been received

- Settings that owe SSSP money for short courses, late cancellations or non-attendance will be unable to book onto future training courses and qualify for discounted course fees until their debt is cleared. Please note that outstanding debts will now be deducted from any training funding or support payments being claimed by the debtor from SSSP

We have produced the plan this year without pictures and mostly in black text for ease of printing. We have added a colour border should you wish to print in colour to make it easier to find the section you are looking for. Please throw away all pages from your 2010 – 2011 training plan (these pages are no longer valid) and insert the 2011 – 2012 plan into your folder.

We will contact you when the next draft is online. Don't forget to visit our Training News & Updates page for details of extra course dates, cancelled courses etc

New working hours

Please note the following changes from April 4th

Julie White will be changing to term time

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday until 2.30 & Friday until 1.30

Nic Topp will be changing to 52 weeks

Usually Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Kind Regards

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