

# UNDERSTANDING CHILD DEVELOPMENT FOR CHILDREN 0-6 YEARS



## Mobile Learning App

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### Key Features:

- Access information and video links for child developmental milestones
- Theoretical frameworks, knowledge summaries, and references
- Legislation and policy
- Case studies based on realistic scenarios in practice
- Critically reflect on observational skills and knowledge
- Decision making based on observations and assessment

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This free resource helps you to:

- Access information and pertinent video links in relation to child developmental milestones.
- Utilise theoretical frameworks, via succinct knowledge summaries, video links and hyperlinked references to enhance an understanding of child development and its relevance to practice.
- Draw on significant legislation and policy relevant to work with children and families in NI.
- Utilise and reflect on pertinent case studies which are based on realistic scenarios in practice.
- Critically reflect on social work / early year's observational skills and knowledge.
- Make decisions based on evidence whilst on practice placement or within the work setting.
- Enhance your professional competence in relation to decision making, based on observations and assessment of child development.
- Understand the impact of child neglect on child development.

The Northern Ireland Social Care Council has been working in partnership with Skills for Care and Development, the University of Ulster and Queens University Belfast to develop this new and innovative mobile application for Child Development. It is underpinned by the expertise of the two universities in Northern Ireland and the authorship

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The need for such a responsive tool was identified by the Office of Social Services who have jointly funded its development along with the Skills for Care and Development (the sector skills Council for Social Care and Early Years).

The app presents a cost effective method of delivering peer reviewed educational material and for this reason, the development of the app has been warmly welcomed by employers across all sectors in child care service provision.

The app is available to download free from iTunes and Google Play at the following links;

**IOS/Apple:** <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/understanding-child-development/id721681546?mt=8>

**Android:** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.paperbag.child>