



# NICMA TRAINING BULLETIN

## OCTOBER 2015

### **LOOK OUT FOR:**

- **Brand new training Workshops for Autumn 2015**
- **Refresher training in Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children**
- **Level 2 Certificate in Childminding Practice**
- **Childcare Partnership Child Development training for 0-3 years and 3-5 years**



## **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

**Many congratulations to our members who have recently completed their Level 2 Certificate in Childminding Practice (NI) and Level 3 Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development.**

**We are extremely proud of all your achievements and the hard work you put into achieving your qualification!**



# TRAINING WORKSHOPS AUTUMN 2015

**NICMA MEMBERS: £15.00**

**NON MEMBERS: £25.00**

**Course fee payable at time of booking**

## Promoting Resilience in the Childminding Setting

This 3 hour training course explores the importance of resilience, and how, with consistent adult support, children can learn to cope with life's challenges. By attending this workshop childminders will:

- Understand the factors that influence the well-being of children and young people;
- Appreciate the importance of resilience for children and young people;
- Recognize how to promote well-being and resilience in the childminding setting;
- Explore activities / ways of working as childminders to promote well-being and resilience in children and young people.



**Wednesday 21 October 2015**

**7pm—10pm**

**Causeway Enterprise Agency, Loughanhill Industrial Estate,  
Coleraine BT52 2NR**

## Working in Partnership with Parents

This 3 hour training course will equip learners with the knowledge and skills to create and maintain an effective partnership with parents. By attending this workshop childminders will:

- Explore what is meant by the term “Working in Partnership with Parents” and identify reasons why partnerships are important.
- Understand the characteristics of effective partnership working with parents / guardians involved in the care of their children;
- Gain an understanding of how partnership with parents are developed and sustained;
- Explore and describe barriers to partnership working within your daily work as a childminder;
- Identify and describe written records that must be kept by Registered Childminders regarding children in their care.



**Monday 26 October 2015**

**7pm—10pm**

**Mourne Country Hotel, 52 Belfast Road, Newry BT34 1TR**

## Promoting Children's Speech, Language and Communication in the Childminding Setting



This 3 hour training course explores the definition of speech, language and communication and looks at how it impacts on children's overall development. It is designed to support childminders in reviewing current practice and will explore practical ways in which they can support the communication skills of the children in their care. By attending this workshop childminders will:

- Understand the importance of speech, language and communication for children's overall development;
- Explore the barriers to effective communication and how to overcome them;
- Gain a basic understanding of developmental milestones relating to speech and language development;
- Appreciate the importance of working with parents to ensure an agreed and consistent approach
- Develop an understanding of practical ways to support speech and language development of children using a range of everyday and inexpensive activities.

**Tuesday 10 November 2015**

**7pm–10pm**

**Orangefield Presbyterian Church, 464 Castlereagh Road, Belfast BT5 5HP**

## Promoting Creativity in the Childminding Setting

This 3 hour training course will enable childminders to understand the importance of promoting creativity and creative learning in the childminding setting both indoors and outdoors. It is designed to support childminders in overcoming the barriers to providing creative activities such as cost, time, mess and facilitating different age groups. By attending this workshop childminders will:

- Understand the importance of creativity and creative learning to children's overall development.
- Explore a diverse range of activities and experiences to promote creativity and creative learning in the childminding setting
- Be able to evaluate own contribution to children's creative development.



**Tuesday 24 November 2015**

**7pm–10pm**

**NICMA Office, 16–18 Mill Street, Newtownards BT23 4LU**

# REFRESHER TRAINING

NICMA have designed refresher training courses in Health and Safety and Safeguarding, **specifically for childminders**, in each of the Trust areas and have put together a **FANTASTIC TRAINING PACKAGE OFFER** that you don't want to miss!!

## COST

### NICMA MEMBERS

**£15.00** per course or **£25.00** for both courses  
(this offer is per person and only applies if booking both Health & Safety and Safeguarding at the same time)

### NON MEMBERS

**£20.00** per course or **£35.00** for both courses  
(this offer is per person and only applies if booking both Health & Safety and Safeguarding at the same time)

## Refresher Training Health & Safety 7.00pm—10.00pm

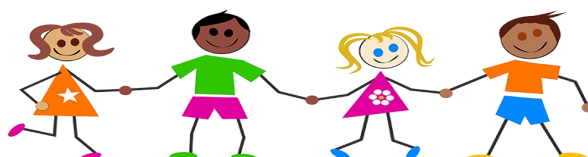
<b>Belfast HSCT</b>	<b>Wednesday 27 January 2016</b>	<b>Orangefield Presbyterian Church 464 Castlereagh Road, Belfast, BT5 5HP</b>
<b>South Eastern HSCT</b>	<b>Wednesday 6 January 2016</b>	<b>Ballymac Hotel 7a Rock Road, Lisburn, BT28 3SU</b>
	<b>Thursday 3 March 2016</b>	<b>NICMA Office 16-18 Mill Street, Newtownards, BT23 4LU</b>
<b>Northern HSCT</b>	<b>Tuesday 9 February 2016</b>	<b>Causeway Enterprise Agency, Loughanhill Industrial Estate, Coleraine, BT52 2NR</b>
	<b>Tuesday 16 February 2016</b>	<b>All Saints Parish Centre 9 Cushendall Road, Ballymena, BT43 6HA</b>
	<b>Thursday 18 February 2016</b>	<b>Carrick Enterprise Centre 8 Meadowbank Road, Carrickfergus, BT38 8YF</b>
	<b>Saturday 20 February 2016</b>	<b>G-Old SureStart, Cookstown Primary School, Coolnafranky Demesne, Molesworth Street, Cookstown, BT80 8PF (Morning Session of All Day Training 9.30am - 12.30pm)</b>
<b>Southern HSCT</b>	<b>Wednesday 10 February 2016</b>	<b>Mourne Country Hotel 52 Belfast Road, Newry, BT34 1TR</b>
<b>Western HSCT</b>	<b>Saturday 30 January 2016</b>	<b>Aisling Centre 37 Darling Street, Enniskillen, BT74 7DP (Morning Session of All Day Training 9.30am - 12.30pm)</b>
	<b>Wednesday 24 February 2016</b>	<b>Silverbirch Hotel 5 Gortin Road, Omagh, BT79 7DH</b>
	<b>Wednesday 2 March 2016</b>	<b>Clooney Hall 36 Clooney Terrace, Londonderry, BT47 6AR</b>

## Refresher Training Safeguarding Children 7.00pm—10.00pm

<b>Belfast HSCT</b>	<b>Wednesday 3 February 2016</b>	<b>Orangefield Presbyterian Church 464 Castlereagh Road, Belfast, BT5 5HP</b>
<b>South Eastern HSCT</b>	<b>Wednesday 13 January 2016</b>	<b>Ballymac Hotel 7a Rock Road, Lisburn, BT28 35U</b>
	<b>Thursday 10 March 2016</b>	<b>NICMA Office 16-18 Mill Street, Newtownards, BT23 4LU</b>
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	<b>Tuesday 23 February 2016</b>	<b>All Saints Parish Centre 9 Cushendall Road, Ballymena, BT43 6HA</b>
	<b>Thursday 25 February 2016</b>	<b>Carrick Enterprise Centre 8 Meadowbank Road, Carrickfergus, BT38 8YF</b>
<b>Southern HSCT</b>	<b>Wednesday 17 February 2016</b>	<b>Mourne Country Hotel 52 Belfast Road, Newry, BT34 1TR</b>
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**To secure your place on NICMA's new Autumn  
training courses or  
Refresher Training you can:**

**visit [www.nicma.org](http://www.nicma.org) and pay online  
or  
Telephone (028) 9181 1015**





## Level 2 Certificate in Childminding Practice (NI)



### Would you like to:

- ◆ Professionalise your Childminding service
- ◆ Have a competitive edge over other registered Childminders
- ◆ Offer high quality childcare
- ◆ Keep up to date with current Childminding practice
- ◆ Be the best Childminder you can

There is no need for previous qualifications, NICMA will provide you with all the help and support you need to complete this qualification.

For an application form please contact Claire Vitti at the NICMA Office  
028 9181 1015 or [claire.vitti@nicma.org](mailto:claire.vitti@nicma.org)

**Introduction and delivery of first unit of Level 2 Certificate in Childminding Practice (NI) will be held in the following Trust Areas**

<b>Belfast HSCT</b>	<b>Saturday 7 November 2015 10.00am — 4.00pm</b>	<b>NICMA Office 16-18 Mill Street NEWTOWNARDS BT23 4LU</b>
<b>South Eastern HSCT</b>	<b>Saturday 7 November 2015 10.00am — 4.00pm</b>	<b>NICMA Office 16-18 Mill Street NEWTOWNARDS BT23 4LU</b>
<b>Western HSCT</b>	<b>Saturday 7 November 2015 10.00am — 4.00pm</b>	<b>Clooney Hall 36 Clooney Terrace LONDONDERRY BT47 6AR</b>
<b>Northern HSCT</b>	<b>Saturday 31 October 2015 10.00am — 4.00pm</b>	<b>All Saints Parish Centre 9 Cushendall Road BALLYMENA BT43 6HA</b>
<b>Southern HSCT</b>	<b>Saturday 21 November 2015 10.00am — 4.00pm</b>	<b>Mourne Country Hotel 52 Belfast Road NEWRY BT34 1TR</b>



**NICMA are delighted to announce the launch of the new Level 2 Certificate in Childminding Practice (Northern Ireland). NICMA have worked with Ascentis Awarding Organisation to develop this qualification that is specifically for Childminders in Northern Ireland. There are currently 45 Childminders from different Trusts areas throughout Northern Ireland undertaking the new qualification.**

## **WHAT IS THE QUALIFICATION ALL ABOUT?**

The Level 2 Certificate in Childminding Practice (Northern Ireland) is based on the Childminding and Day Care for Children under 12 years - Minimum Standards (DHSSPSNI, 2012) and forms part of NICMA's Training Framework. It is suitable for ALL Childminders regardless of whether or not they have any previous childcare qualifications. For some it can form a pathway of progression to the Level 3 Diploma in Children's Care Learning & Development and for others it will be an excellent opportunity to update their knowledge and skills in quality childminding practice.

## **WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO?**

The qualification is on the Qualification and Credit Framework (QCF) and has a credit value of 16. It is delivered via face to face sessions. When undertaking the qualification learners are assigned an assessor who will provide support throughout. This support will be provided via email, telephone, text and 1-1 sessions. NICMA will provide learners with information as to how the assessment criteria in each of five units will be met using a variety of methods i.e. reflective accounts, diary evidence, witness testimonies, assignments etc. They are required to build a portfolio of evidence and when each unit is complete they will forward all evidence to their allocated assessor for marking. To assess competence the assessor will also carry out a direct observation of the learner's childminding practice within their setting when the minded children are present.

## **WHAT DO OTHER LEARNERS THINK ABOUT IT?**

Some of the Childminders taking part in the pilot can already see the benefits of the training.

*"I found the qualification helped me to understand my setting better, why certain regulations are put in place and have now a greater knowledge of the minimum standards. Don't get me wrong the qualification was hard going at times & it required a lot of time to complete but I am glad I did it. The knowledge I have gained will help me in all aspects of my career, especially when talking to social workers during inspections as I feel more assertive & confident"*

*"I would like to say that I am so pleased I availed of this course, its made a great difference within my setting and the knowledge I have gained has given me a better understanding especially of child development and different signs to look for in children. I would recommended this course to everyone who wants to be a childminder as I really think the course should be done before coming registered to ensure the best care and development of children."*

## **SELF FUNDED PROJECT (with flexible payment options)**

NICMA are hoping to run a self-funded project for registered Childminders who wish to undertake the new qualification. The cost is **£450** for NICMA members and **£600** for non-members payable by instalments. For further information please contact the NICMA Office: 028 9181 1015 or NICMA's Training Manager Susan Anderson at [susan.anderson@nicma.org](mailto:susan.anderson@nicma.org)



# Childcare Partnership Training



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT

### Are you working with children aged 0–3 years?

This FREE 6 hour training course will provide early years practitioners with the knowledge and skills to promote children's development in the 0–3 years age bracket and emphasises the impact this will have on children's future outcomes and life chances.

**NB: Candidates must attend BOTH sessions to be awarded with a certificate of completion**

Courses will take place in the following venues:

Belfast HSC	Thursday 21 & 28 January 2016	3FiveTwo Training Academy, 10 Falcon Way, Boucher Road, Belfast BT12 6SQ
South Eastern HSC	Wednesday 13 & 20 January 2016	St Patrick's Centre, 53A Market Place, Downpatrick BT30 6LZ
Western HSC	Tuesday 3 & 10 November 2015	Tara Centre, 11 Holmview Terrace, Omagh BT79 0AH
	Wednesday 25 November & 2 December 2015	Clooney Hall, 36 Clooney Terrace, Londonderry BT47 6AR
Northern HSC	Monday 2 & 9 November 2015	Meadowbank Sports Arena, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt BT45 6EH
	Monday 16 & 23 November 2015	Antrim Enterprise Agency, 58 Greystone Road, Antrim BT41 1JZ
Southern HSC	Thursday 18 & 25 February 2016	Arts Centre, 1A Bank Parade, Newry BT35 6HP

All those who attend the Childcare Partnership Training for Child Development 0-3 years & 3-5 years delivered by NICMA will receive a **FREE UNDERSTANDING CHILD DEVELOPMENT 0-5 YEARS BOOKLET**





## Are you working with children aged 3–5 years?

By attending this FREE 6 hour training course early years practitioners can develop an awareness of young children as competent co-constructors of their social, emotional and physical environment. They will gain an understanding of the implications of working with children aged 3–5 years and gain the knowledge and skills required to promote the development and learning of this age group.

**NB: Candidates must attend BOTH sessions to be awarded with a certificate of completion**

<b>Belfast H\$CT</b>	<b>Monday 17 &amp; 24 February 2016</b>	<b>3FiveTwo Training Academy, 10 Falcon Way, Boucher Road, Belfast BT12 6\$Q</b>
	<b>Thursday 3 &amp; 10 March 2016</b>	<b>3FiveTwo Training Academy, 10 Falcon Way, Boucher Road, Belfast BT12 6\$Q</b>
<b>South Eastern H\$CT</b>	<b>Monday 30 November &amp; 7 December 2015</b>	<b>NICMA, 16–18 Mill Street, Newtownards BT23 4LU</b>
	<b>Tuesday 1 &amp; 8 March 2016</b>	<b>Lagan Valley Island Conference Centre, Civic Centre, Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn BT27 4RL</b>
<b>Northern H\$CT</b>	<b>Wednesday 20 &amp; 27 January 2016</b>	<b>Causeway Enterprise Agency, Loughanhill Industrial Estate, Coleraine BT52 2NR</b>
	<b>Monday 7 &amp; 14 March 2016</b>	<b>Gortalowry House, 94 Church Street, Cookstown BT80 8HX</b>
<b>Southern H\$CT</b>	<b>Thursday 20 &amp; 27 October 2015</b>	<b>Medical Education Centre, Craigavon Area Hospital, 68 Lurgan Road, Portadown BT63 5\$Q</b>
	<b>Wednesday 27 January &amp; 3 February 2016</b>	<b>Boardroom, Tower Hill, Armagh BT61 9DR</b>
<b>Western H\$CT</b>	<b>Thursday 14 &amp; 21 January 2016</b>	<b>Aisling Centre, 37 Darling Street, Enniskillen BT74 7DP</b>
	<b>Thursday 4 &amp; 11 February 2016</b>	<b>Clooney Hall, 36 Clooney Terrace, Londonderry BT47 6AR</b>

**To book your place on Child Development 0–3 years and 3–5 years visit [www.childcarepartnerships-ni.org](http://www.childcarepartnerships-ni.org)**

**Please note telephone applications cannot be made for this training**

