



**Central London Community Healthcare
(CLCH)**

SUMMER TERM

Early Years Speech and Language Therapy Virtual Training Sessions

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These virtual training courses are designed for Early Years Practitioners working across the Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea, and Westminster boroughs. Join a virtual course this term!

Most of our training sessions have two parts – *practitioners must attend both workshops.*

Part One: This session will provide information on the topic and will include some interactive work.

Part Two: These are an integral part of your learning. In these coaching sessions, you will have the opportunity to discuss any questions arising from the online workshop with the SLT tutor, you will be able to share experiences and resolve challenges with colleagues from other Early Years settings, and you will be able to share practical resources. You will be provided with a certificate following completion of the Part One workshop and Part Two related coaching session. This is a fully interactive session.

Participants should use a computer with a working camera and microphone, so they can get the maximum benefit from the training. This is especially relevant for the Part Two coaching session which relies on EYPs being able to use this unique opportunity to discuss and problem-solve easily with colleagues in other settings.

Please see the end of this document for how to book a place on workshops

Prior to any of our virtual training sessions, attendees must watch our pre-recorded YouTube videos – see links at the end of this document.

Early Years SLT Training Course:

Making Sense of Echolalia: identifying and supporting the language development of children who learn language in 'chunks'.

Overview: Did you know there are two ways to learn language? When small children listen to adults talking, they usually 'home in' on the key words and as they learn these key words, they use them like building blocks – at first one word at a time, then 2 together, then 3 and so on... we call these 'Analytical language learners'

But I'm sure you know some children, who use 'jargon' (word-like strings of sounds that can't yet be understood), with rich intonation or 'learned phrases' you can recognise from songs, TV shows etc?

We call these: 'Intonational language learners', because they 'home in' on the intonation/musicality of the spoken language they hear and learn language in 'chunks'

This session will give you new insights into how you can help these children to develop more flexible spoken language skills.

Please Note: *Early Years Practitioners must attend BOTH Part One and Part Two workshops*

	Date	Time
Part One Online Workshop Making Sense of Echolalia: identifying and supporting the language development of children who learn language in 'chunks'	Thursday 24th April 2025	10:00-12:30
Part Two Online Workshop Making Sense of Echolalia: identifying and supporting the language development of children who learn language in 'chunks'	Thursday 1st May 2025	10:00-11:00

Early Years SLT Training Course:

Building Vocabulary

Overview: Following this online workshop you will have the tools to promote different kinds of words and know how to help children remember and learn them. You will learn how to apply this knowledge in play times and everyday routines. **It is highly recommended that EYPs who attend this training also attend the 'Supporting Children with Developmental Language Disorder' workshop.**

Please Note: *Early Years Practitioners must book on to and attend BOTH Part One and Part Two workshops separately. Please choose a time for Part Two when booking.*

	Date	Time
Part One Online Workshop Building Vocabulary	Tuesday 6 th May 2025	10:00-12:00
Part Two Online Workshop Building Vocabulary	Tuesday 20 th May 2025	10:00 -11:00

Early Years SLT Training Course:

Emotional Regulation

Overview: Develop an understanding of what Emotional Regulation is, how it develops and learn strategies to support its development in your children. In addition, you will learn communication tips and tricks for working children who have difficulties with emotional regulation. This training is designed for EYPs who work with children who have

- A diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Social Communication Difficulties
- Identified difficulties with emotional regulation (e.g., frequent meltdowns, behavioural difficulties when upset, tantrums beyond expected ages)

Please Note: Early Years Practitioners must attend **BOTH Part One and Part Two workshops**

	Date	Time
Part One Online Workshop Emotional Regulation	Friday 9 th May 2025	09:30- 12:00
Part Two Online Workshop Emotional Regulation	Friday 23 rd May 2025	09:30 -10:30

Early Years SLT Training Course:

Signing and Visual Support

Overview: This workshop will help you understand what we mean by visual support, how it helps children's communication skills and how you can use visual support in your settings. We will also look at using signs in your setting to help support communication and learn over 70 signs. This workshop will give you an understanding of how using visual supports and signs in your setting can help support children's communication.

Please Note: *This is just one session*

	Date	Time
Online Workshop Signing and Visual Support	Wednesday 14 th May 2025	10:00-12:00

Early Years SLT Training Course:

Supporting Children with Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) in Early Years Settings (a language difficulty that affects 3 children in every classroom)

Overview: Following the online workshop you will understand what Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) is, signs of DLD, how DLD is diagnosed and the impact of DLD. We will also discuss strategies for supporting children with DLD in your setting.

Please Note: *Early Years Practitioners must attend BOTH Part One and Part Two workshops*

	Date	Time
Part One Online Workshop Working with Children with DLD	Wednesday 21 st May 2025	10:00 -12:00
Part Two Online Workshop Working with Children with DLD	Wednesday 11 th June 2025	10:00 -11:00

Early Years SLT Training Course:

Building Attention in the Early Years

Overview: Following this online workshop you will have refreshed your knowledge of what kind of social communication difficulties a child may present with, learn how to identify a child with social communication difficulties, and place a child in an appropriate group based on their current stage of communication.

You will also learn how to use a simple flowchart tool to find which type of group would be most appropriate for a child's current needs and be able to identify appropriate goals for children. You will develop an understanding of how to plan and run small group, adult-led activities to help children with social communication difficulties build shared attention skills and learn strategies you can use to support children to achieve their goals within a social communication group. You will also develop an understanding of how to effectively use visual support in small group activities.

Please Note: *Early Years Practitioners must attend BOTH Part One and Part Two workshops*

	Date	Time
Part One Online Workshop Building Attention in the Early Years	Friday 6th June 2025	10:00 -12:30
Part Two Online Workshop Building Attention in the Early Years	Friday 20th June 2025	10:00- 11:00

Early Years SLT Training Course:

Helicopter Stories

Overview: Helicopter Stories is a powerful, evidence-based technique for developing children's confidence, curiosity, creativity, and communication skills.

This workshop will introduce this technique in which children dictate their stories to an adult and later the same session or day the children act out their stories from their place round the circle, with no props. In the session you will learn how to run effective Helicopter Stories sessions which have been proven by the Open University to develop confidence and communication skills in children aged 2-5.

Please Note: *Early Years Practitioners must attend BOTH Part One and Part Two workshops*

	Date	Time
Part One Online Workshop Helicopter Stories	Wednesday 18 th June 2025	10:00- 12:00
Part Two Online Workshop Helicopter Stories	Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	10:00-11:00

Please note: *EYPs in Early Years settings are welcome to attend the following training workshops offered by the mainstream schools SLT service:*

- *Bilingualism*
- *Dysfluency*
- *Speech Sound Disorders*
- *Selective Mutism*

Please see the Services to Schools' website for details of Mainstream Schools SLT training workshops:

<https://services2schools.org.uk/Training>

How to book:

For more information and to book this training, please refer to the Services to Schools website: <https://services2schools.org.uk/Training>

Please note: The services to schools' website above, although hosted by the Biborough, is open to Hammersmith and Fulham settings. If your setting does not already have a log-in please select 'Sign up for a new account'.

Early Years Practitioner Tutorials YouTube videos:

What we mean by Speech and Language development- PP1 video (9mins)

- What do Speech and Language Therapists (SLTs) do?
- What do we mean by 'speech and language development'?
- Why are communication skills important for children?

<https://youtu.be/TcalKbyyNkM>

Ages and Stages- PP2 video (11mins)

- What speech and language skills should I expect from children in my care?
- By 6 months
- By 18 months
- By 1 year
- By 2 years
- By 3 years
- By 4 years
- Introduction to the Speech and Language Therapy Monitoring Tool

<https://youtu.be/ipIHzf-jhfo>

What should I consider before making a referral to SLT- PP3 video (13mins)

- How concerned are you and what are these concerns based on?
- Parental concern, consent and responsibility
- What should the Early Years Setting have already done before making a referral to EYSLT?
- What information do I need to have in order to make a referral to Early Years SLT?

<https://youtu.be/vYPikhS-rrA>

How do I make a referral to Speech and Language Therapy?- PP4 video (6mins)

- Where to access the SLT referral form
- A step-by-step guide to completing the Early Years SLT referral form
- Where to send the referral
- Contact details for other services

<https://youtu.be/8TFR812HWxw>

What can I expect if I refer a child to Speech and Language Therapy- PP5 video (13mins)

- What is speech and language therapy?
- How does the early Years SLT service work?
- What support will the service offer?
- What is the role of parents?
- What is the role of Early Years Practitioners?
- What is the role of the SLT?
- The importance of working together
- Supporting parents to access therapy

https://youtu.be/g_utKU9nhYs

Supporting children with Speech, Language and Communication Needs in your Early Years Setting- PP6 video (17mins)

Using 'visual support' – what does this mean?

- Top Tips for Adult-Child Interaction
- Practical ideas for activities that support communication development

<https://youtu.be/thVJsTKBIHA>

What do we mean by 'Social Communication'? - PP7 video (10mins)

- What do we mean by the term 'social communication?'
- Why is social communication so important?
- When and how does it develop in young children?
- Key social communication milestones

<https://youtu.be/yVoql07DsQc>

How do I refer a child to the 'targeted' Speech and Language groups at local children's centres- PP8 video (5mins)

- What are Targeted Speech and Language groups?

- Who should I refer?
- How do I refer children?

<https://youtu.be/7vIAQncB2rY>

How to use the Early Years Speech, Language and Communication Monitoring Tool- PP9 video (9mins)

- What is the “CLCH Early Years Speech, Language and Communication Monitoring Tool”?
- Supporting children with English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- How to complete the Monitoring Tool

<https://youtu.be/kfx-QnjaLhU>

Vroom! Tips and how to explain these to parents- PP10 (11mins)

- resources created based on research carried out, to support early learning and brain building.
- <https://youtu.be/Kcghd7YCEkU>