

Who We Are and What We Do

We are Sharon and Louise, the two Early Years EAL Advisors. Currently we are funded by Somerset County Council and we are here to provide advice and practical support to all Early Years practitioners in Somerset to deliver improved outcomes for children with English as an Additional Language and their families.

We would like to hear from providers nationally to talk about their Early Years EAL experiences, challenges and needs.



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Early Years EAL Advisory Service



***An advisory service for
English as an Additional
Language for all Early
Years, delivered by the
Early Years
Alliance***



How We Can Support You

Training

Based on common needs identified, we have designed a number of training and networking opportunities including

Navigating Their Needs, New to English, New to You, and Early Communication and Bilingualism,



we are also able to provide bespoke sessions to meet your specific needs. These can include workshops, conferences or, inset days.

Webinars

We also have a range of Webinars for distance colleagues which are compact distillations of our workshops and give a snap shot of some of the most pressing training topics.

EAL Audit Tool

This is a comprehensive tool for a setting to administer, with our support, giving specific and detailed insight to their day to day provision to meet the needs of EAL children and families.

A supportive half-day visit from an EAL advisor to your setting where we work in consultation with you to administer the audit. This includes observations, in depth discussions with practitioners and spotting great provision!

A feedback session at a time of your choosing to give detailed advice on areas for development, celebrate good practise and give constructive and practical ideas for action planning

Resources

We are committed to supporting you in accessing EAL resources. We have acquired a range of materials which are available to buy Further information is available on our website.



EAL and SEND

We have recently worked with our Area SENCOs to help practitioners identify and work with EAL children and families who also present with a SEND.

Recognising barriers for EAL families and reinforcing good practice is at the heart of this and we can provide training and support on this.

<https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/south-west>

You will find us in the "Our Services" section.

Please visit our website for further details about how we can support you and to download useful information ,resources, forms, translated documents and details of all our training packages and workshops