

Early Language and Communication Project

Storyboard at a Glance		
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Interactive Training Workshops

An Early Language and Communication Improvement Story Board from Aberdeenshire

The issue	The team	Our idea
To find a model of training to facilitate collaborative practice to produce effective change To support whole EYP teams increasing practical knowledge and skills, to create a language rich environment for all children, infused with quality interactions	Local SLTs collaborating with their local Early Years settings Engaged with EYs teams who expressed interest and desire to make change	Series of 4 Interactive training workshops Key language stimulating approaches with high impact potential Whole EYP team Follow on modelling and coaching in setting Support for EYs setting initiatives
Tools & resources we used.	What we did	The impact
Interactive, evidence based presentations - Quality Adult-child Interaction - Robust vocabulary learning - Phonological Awareness - Bringing Stories to Life (Narrative) 60-90 min powerpoint/practical learning experiences/discussion	To date: 46 workshop sessions 157 EY staff 12 settings Flexible delivery Simple data collection Concept shared with Early Years Management Team and Education Support staff with view to future collaborative QI projects	All participants responded as having increased confidence in promoting language development through all 4 approaches and confidence in applying to daily work Most instant impact noted in baby and toddler rooms Highly effective targeted groups in one setting Evidence of longevity in extended narrative approach in one setting
Our learning & next steps	Important to set expectation of outcome Flexible working and commitment required Coaching aspect is challenging Support visits provide insight into life of EYP Need to actively reflect with EYPs in workshop to support action plan Challenge to establish self-sustaining practice Adapt for 0-3 years and seek collaborative opportunity with Health and Vol. sector colleagues to reach parents Seek opportunity with childminding networks	
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