Hello everyone,

I’m pleased to see that we are starting to see some Spring weather creeping in and we are fast approaching the end of term! It’s been a busy term again and it was really great to see so many of you at the safeguarding briefings over the last couple of weeks. Our numbers at the in-person sessions are increasing, which is great, and we had a total of 207 people overall engage with the briefings this term. I also wanted to touch on the Level 3 training, as again, we have had really strong interest from our EY / clubs providers. In total, we have now trained 125 Designated Safeguarding Leads in the EY / clubs sector and we have 111 who have registered for future events. The Level 3 training has been a fantastic opportunity to further shape and support safeguarding across all our settings and we very much look forward to seeing more of you later this year. You can book for all our training via [Education Essex Online booking system](https://educationessex.essex.gov.uk/)

Have a wonderful spring break (if you are having one!)

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Head of Education Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Regards

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# Early Years Questionnaire

Many of you completed our safeguarding questionnaire last academic year. We had 336 returned, which was a great achievement, given it was the first time we had asked settings to complete this. To build on this, we will be sending out this year’s questionnaire at the start of next term for completion over the summer term. The questionnaire is not onerous and takes less than half an hour to complete. It can be used to self-assess your safeguarding practice and support your oversight of safeguarding arrangements in your provision. We want to assure you that we do look at each return and use it to inform our work and resources, so we are able to better support you in your safeguarding role going forward.

We will update you of our findings at future briefings.

# Restrictive Physical intervention Training pilot

Restrictive Physical Intervention (RPI) training pilot for Early Years Settings

Many early years settings have reported that they would benefit from training on how to use restrictive physical intervention as part of co-regulation techniques. RPI training is currently available for all schools and settings, but you have told us that bespoke training for early years would be more useful. We are currently in discussion with PRICE, our training partner for RPI, about piloting a course targeted specifically at early years settings. To ensure there is enough demand and the training is viable, we are seeking expressions of interest. To express your interest, please complete this short form: <https://forms.office.com/e/axSHjBNybp>

# Domestic abuse services in Essex from 1 April 2025

Essex County Council, Southend-on-Sea City Council, Thurrock Council and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner’s office have been working together to jointly commission new domestic abuse services. These will be delivered across Greater Essex from 1 April 2025 and have been confirmed as the below:

1. **Safe Steps** will continue to deliver front door access to information, advice, guidance and specialist services across Greater Essex through Essex Compass. Support for both victims and perpetrators will be accessed through Essex Compass from 1 April 2025.
2. **The Next Chapter (East of England)** will deliver victim support in the community and safe accommodation across north and mid Essex.
3. **Changing Pathways** and **Safe Steps** will deliver victim support in the community and safe accommodation across west and south Essex, Southend and Thurrock.
4. **Cranstoun Services Limited** will deliver perpetrator support for Greater Essex.

# ACL parenting Courses – *supporting your children to attend and enjoy school*

The LA has secured the support of the Adult Community Learning (ACL) Team to deliver newly-designed courses for parents to support their child to attend and enjoy school. Schools and settings will be the only referral route for this early help support and should, during their discussions about attendance with parents, consider on individual cases whether a referral would be beneficial. This service can be accessed via the following link: [Supporting your child to attend and enjoy school](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=TzK0qFwVFUKg8X7YzJqZL3SJio3MfHRIpXwMYb80HqdUQVg1RkxGT0hWWDk4N1gyTjc3MUs5UDlIRyQlQCNjPTEkJUAjdD1n&route=shorturl)

# Essex police robbery prevention support

Essex Police have produced resources to support children and young people in how to protect themselves and reduce the risk of robbery as well as information about what to do if they should be a victim.

 

# Essex children’s safegaurding board (ESCB) updates

Within these updates you can find details of how to book onto the Stay Safe conferences, which this year focus on: *Working Together Better to improve the effectiveness of multi-agency working.*

[ESCB Safeguarding Updates - January 2025](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnews.news.essex.gov.uk%2F9j46%2FDesign%2Frh44-72720&data=05%7C02%7CClare.Wallis%40essex.gov.uk%7C4583234974444b9e4ef108dd3974102c%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C638729892819620281%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=qWk4U0pHJOpzwo4toJ3p3Gm0o0oVPCXR%2FL0SOdkO5mo%3D&reserved=0) [ESCB Safeguarding Updates - February 2025](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnews.news.essex.gov.uk%2F9j46%2FDesign%2Frj78-mcj8&data=05%7C02%7CAlex.Darvill%40essex.gov.uk%7C3ca57c08f0534010206808dd45cb5077%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C638743461717849175%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=AUk7OXdleloEbQuNgZYFb4OMpBYePEID94QJeVp1Hpw%3D&reserved=0)

# Effective Support for Children and Families in Essex

Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) launched the new [Effective Support for Children and Families in Essex (October 2024)](https://www.escb.co.uk/media/3322/effective-support-october-2024-final.pdf)  on 1 October. This guidance replaces previous versions, so please ensure you delete old copies and refer to the new version on your website and in any documentation.

# Early Help Drop In’s

The links to the Early Help drop in sessions have been updated to make them easier to access. Settings can access any of the sessions and further information is available on the poster below.



# TRAINING Offer

**Level 3 Safeguarding Training for DSL’s in Early Years Settings**

Places can be booked via the [Education Essex Online Booking System](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Feducationessex.essex.gov.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7CMatthew.Lewis%40essex.gov.uk%7Ce64d58ba524348687b2508dcd3c873d7%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C638618105098354055%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BDlrxPsjYDkieGbD6DmDEK8uY6T7hx%2Fcj9RF6OPP80c%3D&reserved=0)

**CHILDMINDERS – we have a date of the 28.06.25 at Barleylands – please hold the date as booking will become live shortly.**

**If you unable to book onto the LEVEL 3 you require due to them being fully booked please do put yourself on the waiting list. If there is enough demand, we will look to running an extra session or opening them up to more delegates.**

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| Date (9.30am – 4.00pm) | Venue |
| Summer term |  |
| 25.04.25 | Barleylands, Billericay |
| 09.06.25 | Latton Bush Centre, Harlow |
| 20.06.25 | Jobserve Football stadium Colchester |
| 28.06.25 level 3 CHILDMINDERS | Barleylands, Billericay |

**Early Years Briefings**

All briefings can be booked via[Education Essex Online Booking System](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Feducationessex.essex.gov.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7CMatthew.Lewis%40essex.gov.uk%7Ce64d58ba524348687b2508dcd3c873d7%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C638618105098354055%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BDlrxPsjYDkieGbD6DmDEK8uY6T7hx%2Fcj9RF6OPP80c%3D&reserved=0)

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| Date (9.30am –12.00pm) | Venue |
| Summer term |  |
| 02.07.25 (Mid) | Chelmsford Football Club |
| 03.07.25 (South) | Barleylands, Billericay |
| 07.07.25 (West) | Latton Bush Centre |
| 09.07.25 (North) | Jobserve Stadium Colchetser |
| 09.07.25 (Online 6.00pm – 7.30pm) | Teams |

**Other training opportunities**

All training opportunities can be booked via[Education Essex Online Booking System](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Feducationessex.essex.gov.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7CMatthew.Lewis%40essex.gov.uk%7Ce64d58ba524348687b2508dcd3c873d7%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C638618105098354055%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BDlrxPsjYDkieGbD6DmDEK8uY6T7hx%2Fcj9RF6OPP80c%3D&reserved=0)

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| Summer term |  |  |
| Safeguarding Briefing for new DSL’s and HT | 24.04.25 1.00pm to 2.00pm | Online |
| Prevent Awareness and update | 02.07.24 2.00pm to 4.00pm | Online |
| Harmful Sexual Behaviour training | 26.06.25 2.00pm to 4.00pm | Online |
| It Could Happen Here – allegations in the workforce | 27.06.25 9.30am to 1.00pm | In person  Venue TBC |
| EY Train the Trainer level 2 | 16.07.2510.00am to 11.00am | Online |