

## Childcare - Making Choices

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### *Specific class details*

This course runs approximately once a month. The venue varies and we try to run courses in different areas throughout the Wakefield district.

### *Who is this course for?*

This programme and qualification is for people who want to find out more about working with children from 0 to 16 years (and their families) and to decide whether a career in childcare is right for them. For example, working in nurseries, crèches, schools, play schemes, children's centres and daycare.

You can apply to do this programme through Job Centre Plus if:

- 1 You are age 18+
- 2 You are unemployed, working less than 16hr per week, or economically inactive (not in paid work) and/or receiving benefits
- 3 You live in the postcode area WF1 – WF11

You can also apply to do this programme direct through Adult Education if you do not meet the criteria above.

### *What will I learn?*

This is a practical, fun, work-related course that will help you find out what it is like to work in childcare and decide if this is the career for you. You will learn by completing projects and activities that are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands.

You will find out about the different jobs in childcare and what each job involves. For example, what are the differences between working as a childminder, in a day care centre, as a play-scheme worker?

If you complete the programme you will receive a 'Making Choices' certificate.

### *How will I learn?*

You will learn by gaining hands on experience through visiting childcare settings and through individual and group tutorials/workshops. Teaching methods and materials will be varied in order to support different learning styles and preferences. Lessons will be planned to be inclusive, demonstrate respect for all and celebrate diversity.

### *How long is the course?*

The programme is for 20-hours and is delivered over four days in the same week. Time to be confirmed.

### *How much does it cost?*

To be confirmed. Attending this course will not affect any benefits you are receiving, and payment for travel and childcare expenses is available.

### *Are there any entry requirements?*

There are no formal entry requirements as part of the course involves looking at what qualifications you need to work in childcare.

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### ***What happens in the first class?***

The first class will include induction to the programme; finding out your existing level of knowledge or skill in this area; and planning your learning.

### ***Do I need to do additional work outside the class?***

Your tutor may set self-study tasks for you to complete in-between classes.

### ***Can I get extra help?***

Support with English and maths is available through our network of literacy and numeracy workshops, along with general study skills support through our Study Skills Workshops. If you feel you may need extra help because you are disabled or have a learning disability, please discuss this with the centre organiser before the start of the course; more information is available in our disability statement.

### ***How will my work be assessed?***

There is no formal assessment. You will receive regular feedback on your progress from the tutor throughout the course.

### ***Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA)***

All ACES programmes work to the RARPA quality standard. This means that your tutor will: (1) set clear programme aims; (2) find out what you already know and what you want to achieve; (3) work with you to agree learning outcomes for you; (4) assess your progress during the course and give you feedback on this; (5) assess your achievement with you at the end of the course. Your tutor will explain this more fully during the course.

### ***Is there anything else I need to know about this course?***

To apply for this course, please speak to a Floor Walker or Job Centre Advisor, or contact Vivien Marchant on 01924 303 333.

If you work with children and young people you are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and you will need to complete a Criminal Record Bureau Check when you start work.

### ***Where next?***

Your tutor will help you decide the most appropriate qualification for your needs, but you could take other programmes such as:

- 4 CACHE Getting Started in Pre-School Practice
- 5 CACHE Certificate or Diploma in Pre-School Practice
- 6 BTEC First Diploma / National Certificate / Diploma / NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development
- 7 Health and Social Care programmes

The programme will look at the different jobs in childcare that you could apply for and the qualifications you need for those jobs.

*We are committed to ensuring that all members of the community have equal access to our programmes and an equal chance to succeed within them.*

The Adult and Community Education Service reserves the right to close or cancel courses at their discretion, owing to for example, unavailability of tutors, facilities, or insufficient enrolment. If an entire course is cancelled, your fee will be refunded in full unless we can offer you a reasonable alternative.