

Improving Early Childhoods in the Face of Deepening Uncertainty: Learning from A Better Start

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Agenda

Thursday 16th March 2023

<p>9:30am</p>	<p>Welcome and Purpose of the day</p> <p>Introduction from The National Lottery Community Fund</p>	<p>Frances Lyons, Head of Research & Evidence, National Children's Bureau</p> <p>David Knott, Chief Executive, The National Lottery Community Fund</p>
<p>9:50am</p>	<p>Setting the scene: The complexities of poverty when supporting young children and families</p> <p>Keynote conversation - facilitated conversation with a panel</p> <p>Kate Silverton will invite ABS Directors to reflect on their local context, the impact of poverty & the ongoing cost of living crisis on child development and on families, challenges faced and how ABS work is supporting this.</p>	<p>Laura McFarlane, Lambeth</p> <p>Tara Poore, Southend</p> <p>Alex Spragg, Bradford</p> <p>Clare Law, Blackpool</p> <p>Karla Capstick, Nottingham</p> <p>Facilitated by Kate Silverton</p>
<p>Learning from A Better Start</p> <p>This next session will run as 3 break out options which can be selected by attendees during the conference.</p>		
<p>10:35am</p>	<p>Child development outcomes - what difference is ABS making in the following areas?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diet and Nutrition • Social and Emotional development • Speech, Language and Communication 	<p>Representatives from the 5 ABS partnerships will lead 3 concurrent sessions on supporting families in 3 key developmental areas.</p> <p>The sessions are repeated at 11.30am allowing attendees to view 2 of the 3 presentations.</p>
<p>11:25am</p>	<p>Break (15 mins)</p>	
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12:30pm	A Better Start National Evaluation: Emerging Evidence Relating to Child Outcomes	Rebekka Hammelsbeck, NatCen Emilie Smeaton, Evaluation Manager, The National Lottery Community Fund
12:50pm	Reflections on the day & closing remarks	Scott Hignett, Head of Funding, The National Lottery Community Fund

Child Development Outcomes Sessions	Presenters
Diet & Nutrition	Vicki Morgan, Blackpool Chloe Stevenson, Bradford Angharad Lewis, Lambeth Jill Smith, Nottingham
Communication & Language	Kathryn Morris, Blackpool Helen Rush, Bradford Jacqui McDermid, Lambeth Sian Ansell, Southend Lynsey Weston, Southend Isobel Wratishaw, Southend Natalia Wroblewska, Nottingham
Social & Emotional Development	Melanie Farman, Blackpool Helen Vincent, Bradford Emily Hamblin, Lambeth Amy McDonald, Nottingham

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