

Disability Inclusion Awareness Training

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Disabled Children's Access To Childcare (DCATCH) is part of the government's 'Aiming High for Disabled Children' initiative, placing families with disabled children and young people at the top of the childcare agenda, and providing new opportunities to increase access to services and 'get it right'.

Daycare Trust and Families United Network have devised this **Disability Inclusion Awareness Training** which aims to assist childcare service providers e.g. **breakfast clubs, youth groups, after school clubs and holiday schemes**, to make their settings more **inclusive** to children with disabilities and their parents. Many of these suggestions do not require additional cost but have a significant impact on how a parent and child are welcomed and included.

This training is based on the findings from discussions with providers of childcare, parents of disabled children and young people which took place in early 2009. The training is delivered by parents of children with additional needs and gives each participant a valuable insight into the importance of "getting it right".

This training will enable staff to be more confident and develop open and honest communication with staff and parents to help everyone to learn and help children and young people meet their fullest possible potential.

The training is informal, hands on and fun. Some of the feedback so far includes:

"This training shows you the importance of clear communication with parents and how to make our setting inclusive."

"We hadn't realised just how cheaply we could be inclusive and how good it is to share ideas with other settings"

"Having parents deliver the training gives an insightful and practical tone to an enjoyable session"

"Everyone should come on this course!"

"The practical exercises made me realise what it might be like to have a disability."

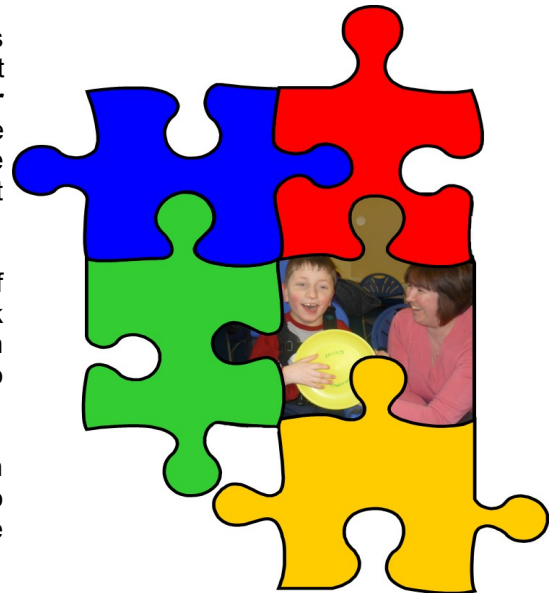
Each individual participant will be issued with a certificate of attendance and a provider information booklet to support the ideas shared during the training.

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This training has been designed as part of Luton Borough Council's DCATCH (Disabled Children's Access to Childcare) project. DCATCH is a pilot programme, running between 2008 and 2011, which is testing ways of increasing access to high quality childcare for disabled children and young people (aged 0-19).

Daycare Trust is the national childcare charity, campaigning for quality, accessible, affordable childcare for all and raising the voices of children, parents and carers. We advise parents and carers, providers, employers, trade unions and policymakers on childcare issues. Daycare Trust has supported Luton Borough Council with their DCATCH pilot since 2008 and we look forward to further progress for children with disabilities and their families.