

London childcare providers survey 2010

- a sample of your success stories

Providing quality

“Good staff, outstanding Ofsted reports, lovely parents and fantastic children, what more can I say?”

“After 6 months of registering with Ofsted. I have since been made a network childminder with quality assurance and have a successful Ofsted inspection with a very positive report. My parents that I work with seem to be really grateful with the work I do with their children and it seems that my skill with children is that I am able to develop their language skills.”

“My success stories are the great relationships built with the families I work with and feeling valued by them.”

“All the children I have cared for or care for are a success story. Just by seeing how I have made a difference or taught them something they have then repeated or done at home....the parents notice and they say thank you! It’s a great feeling.”

“Last year we celebrated our children leaving for the primary education as graduates and it was quite grand and the children all felt special, the deputy mayor of Barking and Dagenham graced the occasion with his presence.”

Professional development

“Since implementing the EYFS and taking my diploma Level 3 in homebased childcare I have changed my setting completely and feel that I am a successful business woman now and not JUST A CHILDMINDER as people usually say.”

“We not only had one of the first (if not the first) EYP working in the private sector, borough wide, but also have 2 staff who are about to embark on the 3rd year of their degrees in Early Childhood studies and their EYP status. These 2 staff left school without A-Levels (and in one case with very poor GCSE results) but have proved that anyone can, with enough determination and hard work, gain a degree and, in doing so, increase their chances of becoming highly qualified (and better paid!) Nursery Practitioners.”

“A single parent started to work with us as volunteer, with support we provided the training and now she has a level 3 in childcare, she is also employed by us. Her words “you have given me a life for me and my children”.”

"I have taken my GCSE's, A Levels, BA (Hons) Early Years Education and EYP and am still within the childcare setting of a children's nursery with my own two children that attend. I come to work every day to ensure that I can provide not only the opportunities for my own children, but also the pure passion of working with children. I do not earn very much from my role within the nursery, but understand how working with children can inspire, uplift and genuinely care about the development and learning that I and my colleagues can provide. I do however feel that around 99.9% of my colleagues would rather further their career within other fields of child care/support due to the depreciation of their wages."

Special needs

"Seeing an autistic child in our setting, make small steps in her development."

"A child who came to us crying and vomiting every time his father left him, who also has traits of Cerebral Palsy and Autism - is now content for Dad to leave, is improving in coordination and balance, now speaks and converses with his key worker. The success story continues!"

Supporting families

"Being able to offer funded sessions for the 3 year olds - who seemed to have benefited from these sessions to develop in all their areas of development, by being simulated to their full potential. Piloting the 2 year old funding saw the same results."

"Being able to access a child's two year money to aid the family of Domestic Violence."

"We are a college based nursery. So we have cared for many children whilst their parents are studying which will enable them to return to work or access higher education."

Sustainability

"We have extended our pre-school hours from sessional to all day (8.30am-3.30pm). With support from BPSLA with ideas of marketing, budgeting and advertising our pre-school has been full for the past year and our waiting list is full for the forthcoming academic year."

"I managed to launch my business and reach full capacity within 3 weeks of starting out, I do not think this would have been possible without my prior marketing experience."

Premises

"We have been very fortunate to have our setting completely refurbished as part of a potentially successful project for engaging families in building a better community for all children to enjoy quality of life."

"Getting funding for shelters for the garden after years of trying."

"After being evicted from church premises (as rent was tripling) we found new premises 0.5 mile away started again from scratch and received an OUTSTANDING from Ofsted in our first term of opening."

"The Early Years Capital Grant has been a fantastic financial input to many nurseries in the borough. It has allowed us to purchase equipment that we not have otherwise been able to have, allowing us the support the educational needs of the children in our care. But this will soon be stopped and any monies left over will be spent elsewhere. This is a financial purse that will be sadly lost although is much needed in many areas of Barnet."