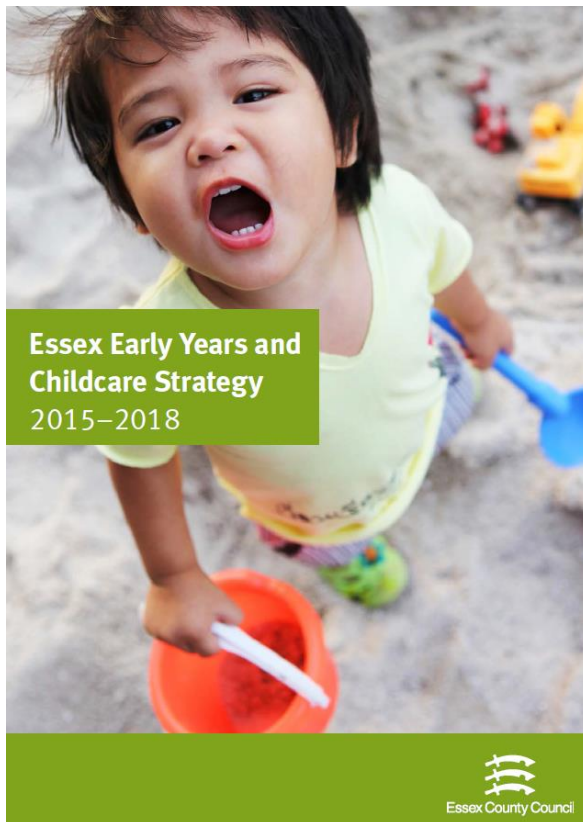


Support for the Home Learning Environment

Resources available for parents and practitioners



TLC

TLC is the Talk Listen Cuddle campaign. It's about supporting early language and promoting the importance of playful learning at home

TLC Facebook pages

- 'Like' the TLC Facebook pages www.facebook.com/talklistencuddle
- Once you've 'liked' the page, you will receive regular posts from TLC, which promote the importance of early language and playful learning at home in giving children the best start
- Please encourage any parents you work with to 'like' the page



TLC – rhyme cards and toolkits



- You may have seen our fabulous rhyme cards already, which have been a huge success with families and continue to be shared across Essex. Other resources have been created for both professionals and parents to use and engage our youngest children in language-rich experiences.
- All resources are available to download via the Early Years and Childcare website in the resources section, under the category ‘EYFS – Communication’:
<http://dnn.essex.gov.uk/eypc/Resources.aspx>
- **For hard copies of the resources please email tlc@essex.gov.uk with your request details.**
- **Walk and Talk at Home** - a pack of five cards with key strategies and fun ideas for supporting language development indoors!
- **Walk and Talk Out and About** - a pack of five cards with key strategies and fun ideas for supporting language development outdoors!
- **Hand Full of Rhymes** - a pack of six top nursery rhymes as voted for by parents in Essex!
- **TLC for New Babies** - six specially designed images and cards to support communication in all new babies’ routines.



TLC – wall frieze and bath frieze

- Hard copies of the TLC wall frieze and bath frieze are available on request from tlc@essex.gov.uk



Height Charts

- The Key to the Best Start Height Chart includes:
- **Side one:** playful ideas and top tips suggested by families and carers across Essex to support young children to be ready to write, count, read, learn, explore, make friends and join in, all of which supports readiness for school. Many more ideas will be appearing on the [TLC website](#) and TLC web app soon.
- **Side two:** a height chart capturing some of the important skills parents and carers, early years teachers and providers agreed would help children as they prepare for school, written in the voices of the TLC characters.
- If you'd like hard copies to support your work with families, please email tlc@essex.gov.uk



TLC web app

The web app contains recordings of popular rhymes, alongside top tips to help early language and communication development

Visit www.tlc-essex.info

Home Rhymes

Talk

Listen

Cuddle

Talk, listen and cuddle

Talk, listen and cuddle are the three ingredients needed to ensure young children develop good communication and language skills. Starting from when your baby is in the womb, talking, listening and cuddling your child helps:

- Their brain development
- Develop their speaking and listening skills
- Communicate their needs, making them less frustrated
- Develop their reading and writing skills
- Help them make friends and be happy

Find Out More



Essex County Council

Training for **Ofsted** registered childcare settings and children's centres in supporting the Home Learning Environment

Half day course 'Supporting Children's Play and Learning at Home'.

This will support practitioners in all early years settings (pre-schools, nurseries, childminders and children's centres) to engage with parents to support children's early learning at home.

The training brochure is available online at

[http://dnn.essex.gov.uk/eycp/CPDandQualifications/Bookingtraining\(CPD\).aspx](http://dnn.essex.gov.uk/eycp/CPDandQualifications/Bookingtraining(CPD).aspx)

Book online at www.eescpdportal.org



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