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Professional
Association for
Childcare and
Early Years



Building brighter futures

PACEY is here to support early years providers and the incredible work they do.

PACEY is the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years.

Formed in 1977, we are a charity dedicated to supporting everyone involved in childcare and early years to provide high quality services, information and advice to children, their families and carers. We want all children to experience high quality childcare and early education, helping them to have a bright future.

We are a community of nearly 14,000 Early Years Providers.

We represent 50% of registered Childminders in England and Wales.

Our members are childminders, nannies, childminding assistants, nursery workers, nursery managers and local authorities.

Our policy work

PACEY represents its members to policy makers at all levels of government, working to ensure that members' needs and views are taken into account and ensure children get the best start in life.

From campaigning on ratios and regulations, to responding to government consultations, PACEY works with national and local government in England and Wales to help shape and influence early years policy.

We're also commissioned by local and national government to provide services to early years professionals, including training for childminders and promoting childcare as a profession. And we offer a specific package of support to local childcare providers through local authorities.



Our key policy asks

1 A universal, national funded programme of childminder pre-registration support.

2 Accessible post registration support to enable professional growth of childminders and mechanisms to reduce isolation and provide emotional support.

3 Funding systems and payments that are fair and sustainable.

4 A clear, consistent approach to reducing barriers and enabling childminders to deliver funded high-quality childcare and early education in Wales.

5 Reform of the current rule that excludes non-parental relatives from providing funded childcare to related children in England.

6 An obligation on all local authorities to audit existing wraparound provision in their area and avoid undermining childminder provision.

7 Improvements to the Universal Credit system to allow for the unique working context of childminders.

8 A joined-up, national approach to define and clarify local planning, commercial waste and environmental health requirements for childminders to reduce the burden felt by childminders.

9 A long term strategy for early education and childcare that understands the unique value of childminders and puts them at the centre of addressing the unequal access that is currently leaving disadvantaged children, including those with SEND and ALN, missing out.



Find out more about PACEY's policy work and key asks in our 'Manifesto for Childminders'

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/about/our-policy-work/>

Our impact

100,000

We reach nearly 100,000 children and their families ensuring their providers can give them the best start in life.

70 PERCENT

Nearly 70% of our members provide wraparound care, allowing parents the flexibility to work.

SEND/ALN

Our members change the lives of children and are often the best placed to provide care and education for children with SEND/ALN.

85 PERCENT

85% of members said that PACEY helps raise the profile of, and improves knowledge of, the role of childcare/early years professionals.



POLICY

PACEY have influenced policy and practice across England and Wales making a significant positive impact on those working in the sector.

DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN

With our support, our providers care for some of the most disadvantaged children in England and Wales.

How we support childminders

Pre registration

- Working with government and local authorities on strategies to recruit new childminders to the workforce.
- Careers advice and career pathway support via our library of resources on our website.
- PACEY's pre-registration training- our Level 3 Award in Preparing to Work in Home-based Childcare (HBCA) is the most comprehensive qualification to help you cover everything you need to begin a career in home-based childcare as a childminder or nanny in England.
- We have built an online community to support those joining the profession. Our Facebook group 'First steps to childminding' has 4.4k members.

Post registration

- PACEY members get FREE bite-sized online training on topics including SEND, transitions, physical development, maths, creative arts and many more. There are over 75 courses for England members.
- PACEY hosts both in person events and online webinars for both members and non-members. Our events are aimed at getting early years providers together to support each other.
- We have hundreds of business and practice resources- information, advice and guidance that we share with members and non-members.
- We work tirelessly with government to improve working conditions for childminders to retain a skilled and passionate workforce.

PACEY Memberships

Our memberships are designed to support early years providers and the incredible work they do.



Assistant

For childminding assistants and nursery workers



Practitioner

For registered childminders, and nannies



Manager

For nursery managers/ owners and their staff

With each membership tailored to your needs and including benefits centred around:



Insurance



Training



Advice



Products



Policy & Updates

Do you work for a local authority?

You can either purchase a quality partner membership for yourself to have access to all our resources or, you can purchase a quality start membership for a childminder in your area.







[Explore all PACEY memberships](#)

PACEY Connect

PACEY Connect is a package of services designed to help local authorities, boroughs and other key partners support childcare and early years professionals in their area.

PACEY Connect offers support that is: flexible, tailored to your local need, available virtually and delivered by early years and childcare experts.

What services can PACEY Connect provide?

-  Pre-registration support
-  Professional development and training
-  Consultancy support
-  Promotion of quality childcare



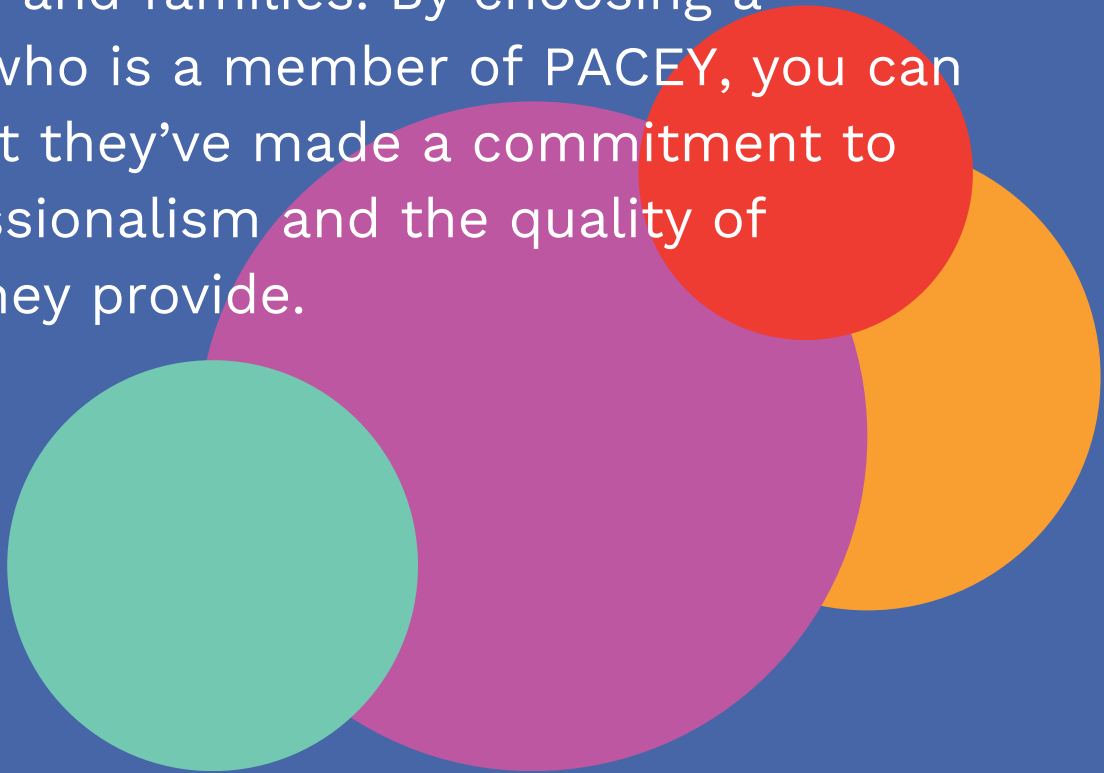
Find out more about the services we offer through PACEY Connect.

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/get-involved/pacey-connect/>



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We are a charity dedicated to supporting everyone working in childcare and early years to provide high quality care and early learning for children and families. By choosing a childcare provider who is a member of PACEY, you can be sure that they've made a commitment to their professionalism and the quality of childcare they provide.

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