

How can I access the support?

You can get a mentor while you are working towards a childminding career. This includes: after you have completed the pre-registration course; before or during the application process to Ofsted; and within your first year of being a registered childminder.

The Childminding Mentor Coordinator will discuss with you the level of support you need, and then link you with an available mentor within your local area if possible.

Your allocated mentor will contact you within about 2 weeks to introduce themselves to you. They will then provide guidance and support in setting up your childminding provision, provide information around childminding issues and let you know about other support organisations such as the NCMA (National Childminding Association).

The Childminder Mentor Coordinator can answer your initial questions and put you in touch with a childminder mentor.

To join the scheme or find out more, contact:

Childminding Mentor Coordinator

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... support for newly registered childminders

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What is the Childminding Mentor Scheme?

The Childminding Mentor Scheme provides individual support to people who want a career in childminding. The scheme is managed by a Childminding Mentor Coordinator at The Learning Trust who recruits, trains and supports a group of volunteer childminder mentors. These mentors then provide up to date information and guidance on childminding as a career to new childminders in Hackney.

Who are childminder mentors?

Childminder mentors are experienced childminders in Hackney who have volunteered to support people who have recently chosen a childminding career. All mentors are Ofsted registered and have at least 2 years' childminding experience. Some have more than 20 years' experience of childminding.

As well as having practical experience, childminder mentors also receive specialised training on how to support people who are just starting out in a career in childminding.



The childminder mentor will pass on their knowledge and experience in the following areas:

- The application process
- The registration visit
- Activities for children
- Where to purchase toys and equipment
- Becoming self-employed
- Working with parents and other professionals
- Places to meet other childminders and much more

You can get help from your childminder mentor for up to a year into your new career. But don't worry about the end of the year, as your mentor will have helped you to build up your own network of contacts and childminding friends.



What support will I receive and how long for?

You and your mentor will discuss how you will work together. Support may include:

- Talking on the phone
- Emailing each other
- Meeting up at a childminding drop-in, play session or attending childminding meetings or events together – whatever works for you and your mentor

