

# National Diploma EARLY YEARS SUPPORT WORKER

(French *Diplôme d'Etat d'Edicateur/Educatrice de Jeunes Enfants*)

## The profession

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Early years support workers work with young children and their families in a variety of settings where services are provided for this group. Their objectives are fourfold: to enable them to access provision, education, prevention, co-ordination. A workplan is established based around learning about child development, education and social issues. The early years support worker is a link between the family and the child's environment. He/ she aims to develop the overall welfare and harmony of the child's world by stimulating their intellectual, sensory and artistic potential.

The early years support worker should establish an environment rich in a variety of relationships, activities and sensations for the child.

The early years support worker uses his / her skills in play, language, non verbal communication, management of space and motor skills. A collective dimension is equally a part of the activities offered in order to improve the social skills of the young child. Active observation is the principal tool used by the early years support worker. This skill enables him / her to be aware of his / her own practice and to examine his /her actions from a critical and detached perspective. 80% of services for young children are of a 'traditional' nature, like nurseries. The support worker may also operate out of specialised settings or hospitals, family centres and play centres.

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## Duration of training

This is a 3-year programme.

## Classroom-based training component

1500 hours at the training centre, alternating with practice placements and the workplace

**The theoretical component** is based around four competences and comprises four modules:

<b>DF1: Enabling access and assisting the young child and their family</b>	<b>400h</b>
<b>DF2: Educational activities for the young child</b>	<b>600h</b>
<b>DF3: Professional communication</b>	<b>250h</b>
<b>DF4: Institutional, inter-institutional and partnership dynamics</b>	<b>250h</b>

## Practice placement

**The practice placement** relates to each training module. There are a minimum of **4** practice placements lasting in total **60** weeks or **2 100 h**

## Status and Financing

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- **Direct route:** candidates are students. The training is financed by Région Ile-de-France.
- **Employment-based route:** candidates are employees. The training is paid for by their employer or as part of continuing education (CIF, training plan)
- **Apprenticeship:** students must be at least 26 years old and have an apprenticeship contract in place before starting the programme.
- Screening fee at the start of training : 60 Euros per test (X 3)
- Registration and tuition fees: 600 Euros a year.

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