

# FREE 'Oral Health Promotion in the Early Years' eLearning course available now!

A free online course has been developed in Warwickshire for early years settings and practitioners working with families with 0-5 year olds . It's aimed at anyone working in early years settings, for example child minders, day-care, nursery and pre-school staff, children's centre staff and health visiting staff.

The course takes about 35 minutes to complete, and on completion you gain access to a Warwickshire Oral Health in the Early Years Resource Pack, which provides lots of creative teaching and promotional materials to help early years workers organise and deliver short oral health sessions or campaigns within early years settings.

Oral health promotion is critical in the early years as children with poor oral health experience tooth decay, pain and infections. This means they are less likely to be able to concentrate and enjoy their time in your early years setting. They may also find it difficult to eat, sleep, talk, smile and socialise.

**Did you know one in five five-year-olds in Warwickshire has tooth decay when they start school? In some areas it is as high as one in three.**

**Fewer than 50% of two-year-olds in Warwickshire have seen a dentist. This can be as low as 18% in some areas.**

To access this course go to [warwickshire.gov.uk/wilma](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/wilma)

**Course:** 'Oral Health Promotion in the Early Years'

**Course Code:** HSW WB009

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