



Blynyddoedd Cynnar Cymru

Manffesto Etholiad 2026

Ffordd Gymreig Ymlaen ar gyfer y Blynyddoedd Cynnar:
Blaenoriaethau Polisi ar gyfer y Senedd Nesaf





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Rydym yn falch o lansio Maniffesto ar gyfer y Blynyddoedd Cynnar ar gyfer etholiadau'r Senedd 2026.

Blynyddoedd Cynnar Cymru yw'r prif sefydliad sy'n cynrychioli darparwyr ac yn ymgychu am well gwasanaethau i'r plant ieuengaf a'u teuluoedd yng Nghymru. Mae ein Maniffesto ar gyfer y Blynyddoedd Cynnar wedi'i anelu at bleidiau gwleidyddol ac Aelodau Senedd uchelgeisiol i ganolbwyntio sylw ac ymdrechion ar wella cyfleoedd i bob baban a phlentyn ifanc.

Mae tystiolaeth ryngwladol gref bod y blynyddoedd cynnar (0 i 7 oed) yn gosod y sylfeini ar gyfer datblygiad plant gyda chysylltiadau cryf â chanlyniadau iechyd, addysgol, cymdeithasol ac economaidd yn ystod oedolyniaeth¹. Ond nid yw plant yng Nghymru bob amser yn cael y dechrau gorau mewn bywyd.

Dros y ddau dymor diwethaf yn y Senedd, bu cynnydd cyson ym mhrolisi Blynyddoedd Cynnar yng Nghymru. Rydym wedi gweld ymrwymïadau i ddarparu cynnig cyffredinol i bob plentyn 2 oed², gweithredu'r Cynnig Gofal Plant Gymru³, Cwricwlwm sy'n canolbwyntio ar y plentyn ar gyfer leoliadau meithrin a ariennir nas cynhelir⁴, a lansiad Chwarae, Dysgu a Gofal Plentynod Cynnar⁵.

Ynghyd â hyn, mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi ymrwmo i Gynllun 10 Mlynedd ar gyfer y Gweithlu Gofal Plant (wedi'i adnewyddu ym mis Gorffennaf 2024),⁶ Cymraeg 2050: Miliwn o siaradwyr⁷, a Chynllun Gweithredu Cymru Wrth-hiliol.⁸

Rydym yn cydnabod bod llawer wedi'i gyflawni ac mae gennym falchder o'n hanes o weithio ar draws y sbectrwm gwleidyddol a Llywodraeth Cymru i gefnogi a dylanwadu ar newid.

Ei gweledigaeth yw am gyfer ecosystem neu wasanaethau bywiog a gweithwyr proffesiynol sy'n caniatáu i bob plentyn yng Nghymru chwarae, dysgu a ffynnu, a chael cymorth i wireddu eu potensial.

Er mwyn i ni wireddu'r weledigaeth hon, mae angen i ni adeiladu ar y cynnydd sydd eisoes wedi'i wneud, ond gyda mwy fyth o ymrwymiad i wella'r sector, y system, a'r amodau ar gyfer pob baban a phlentyn. ~~~~~

Bydd angen i'r Senedd nesaf a Llywodraeth nesaf Cymru edrych i'r dyfodol ac ymrwymo i gefnogi cenedlaethau'r dyfodol.

Ein gwahoddiad i chi yw i gweithio gyda ni. Gyda'i gilydd, byddai'r argymhellion polisi canlynol yn gwneud gwahaniaeth enfawr ac yn arwain at fanteision hirdymor i'r sector, i blant a theuluoedd, ac i ddyfodol Cymru.

Os hoffech drafod unrhyw un o'r argymhellion neu gael sgwrs fwy cyffredinol am gefnogi plant yn y blynyddoedd cynnar, byddem yn falch iawn o glywed gennych.

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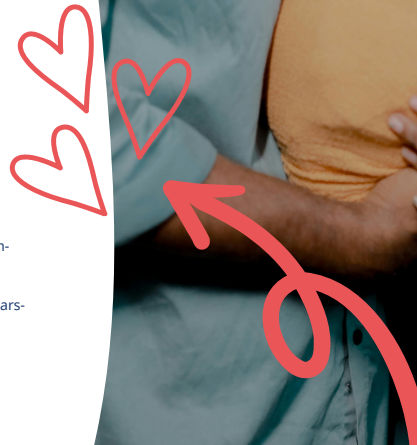
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Ffordd Gymreig Ymlaen ar gyfer y Blynyddoedd Cynnar: Blaenoriaethau Polisi ar gyfer y Senedd Nesaf



Mae'r ddogfen hon yn amlinellu cyfres o argymhellion polisi sy'n seiliedig ar dystiolaeth er mwyn ehangu gofal ac addysg y blynyddoedd cynnar yng Nghymru.

Gan dynnu ar ymchwil, ymgysylltiad â'r sector, a phrofiadau byw teuluoedd ac ymarferwyr, rydym yn cynnig fframwaith strategol i sicrhau bod pob plentyn yng Nghymru yn cael y dechrau gorau posibl mewn bywyd. Mae ein hargymhellion yn canolbwyntio ar ddiwygiadau statudol, ddatblygiad y gweithlu, cymorth i rieni, ac ymarfer cynhwysol, gyda phwyslais arbennig ar y 1,000 diwrnod cyntaf o fywyd.

Mae'r ddogfen hon, ynghyd â Bil Bob Plentyn – A law for every child⁹, a'r ddogfen Y Dechrau Gorau Mewn Bywyd: Mae'r Fframwaith Gweithredu¹⁰ ar gyfer y Blynyddoedd Cynnar, yn cynnig llwybr tuag at brofiad blynyddoedd cynnar hyd yn oed gwell i blant, eu teuluoedd a'r gweithlu yng Nghymru. Mae Blynyddoedd Cynnar Cymru yn falch o gefnogi'r ddwy ddogfen ochr yn ochr â'r argymhellion yn ein manifesto.

⁹ https://issuu.com/childreninwales/docs/bil_pob_plentyn_-_a_law_for_every_child?fr=sMjFkZDg0Mjg0OTI

¹⁰ <https://icc.gig.cymru/newyddion1/lleisiau-rhieni-wrth-wraidd-fframwaith-gweithredu-ar-gyfer-y-blynyddoedd-cynnar-newydd/>



1

Cydnabyddiaeth Statudol o Chwarae, Dysgu a Gofal Plentyndod Cynnar

Argymhelliad

Gwneud Chwarae, Dysgu a Gofal Plentyndod Cynnar yn gyfrifoldeb statudol ar draws pob lleoliad blynyddoedd cynnar.

Rhesymeg

Mae Chwarae, Dysgu a Gofal Plentyndod Cynnar yn darparu fframwaith cyfannol ar gyfer gofal, chwarae a dysgu plant rhwng 0 a 5 oed. Mae'n cyd-fynd â'r CCUHP ac yn hyrwyddo tegwch ar draws lleoliadau amrywiol. Byddai mabwysiadu statudol yn sicrhau cysondeb, ansawdd ac ymarfer sy'n canolbwyntio ar blant ledled Cymru.

2

Diwygio Absenoldeb a Chymorth i Rieni

Argymhelliad

Cynyddu hyd a chymorth ariannol ar gyfer absenoldeb mamolaeth a thadolaeth i gyd-fynd â dechrau darpariaeth gofal plant wedi'i ariannu at ddwy oed.

Rhesymeg

Mae rhesymau cymdeithasol, economaidd ac iechyd cryf am gynyddu hyd a chymorth ariannol ar gyfer absenoldeb mamolaeth a thadolaeth. Mae cyfnod hirach yn caniatáu i rieni ffurfio bondiau emosiynol cryfach gyda'u babanod newydd-anedig, sy'n hanfodol ar gyfer datblygiad cynnar; mae cyfnod mamolaeth estynedig yn cefnogi bwydo ar y fron, sydd wedi profi manteision iechyd i'r fam a'r plentyn; ac mae astudiaethau'n dangos bod cyfnod famolaeth/tadolaeth â chyflog yn gysylltiedig â gostyngiadau mewn marwolaeth babanod.

3

Cyllid Gofal Plant Cynaliadwy

Argymhelliad

Cynyddu'r gyfradd cyllid ar gyfer Cynnig Gofal Plant y Llywodraeth dros y £6.40 yr awr bresennol.

Rhesymeg

Nid yw'r cyllid presennol i leoliadau blynyddoedd cynnar i ddarparu Cynnig Gofal Plant Llywodraeth Cymru yn adlewyrchu costau cynyddol y sector. Byddai cyfradd uwch yn cefnogi cadw staff, darpariaeth o ansawdd, a chynaliadwyedd hirdymor lleoliadau blynyddoedd cynnar.

4

Cynnig Gofal Plant Hygyrch a Symlach

Argymhelliad

Symleiddio'r broses ymgeisio ar gyfer rhieni a gofawyr am fynediad at ofal plant a ariennir.

Rhesymeg

Mae cymhlethdod yn y system bresennol yn rhwyst i ddefnydd. Byddai symleiddio yn gwella mynediad, yn enwedig i deuluoedd difreintiedig, ac yn cefnogi uchelgeisiau gofal plant cyffredinol Llywodraeth Cymru.





5

Cryfhau Gwasanaethau Cymorth Rhieni

Argymhelliad

Ehangu mynediad at gyngor rhianta a chymorth datblygiadol o feichiogrwydd ymlaen.

Rhesymeg

Mae ymyrraeth gynnar yn hanfodol. Mae darparu cymorth hygyrch, cymunedol yn gwella iechyd a datblygiad plant, a hyder rhieni.

6

Arweinyddiaeth ac Atebolrwydd Gweinidogol

Argymhelliad

Penodi Gweinidog ymroddedig dros Fabanod a Phlant.

Rhesymeg

Byddai rôl Weinidogol yn sicrhau bod materion blynyddoedd cynnar yn cael eu blaenoriaethu wrth lunio polisiau a bod lleisiau plant yn cael eu cynrychioli ar y lefel uchaf.

7

Diwygio Terminoleg

Argymhelliad

Ailenwi'r Comisiynydd Plant i'r Comisiynydd Babanod a Phlant.

Rhesymeg

Mae'r newid hwn yn adlewyrchu pwysigrwydd y 1,000 diwrnod cyntaf ac yn cryfhau gwelededd hawliau babanod mewn disgwrs polisi.

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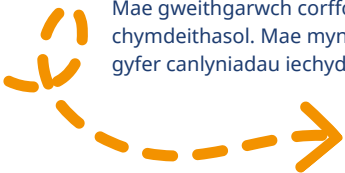
Symudiad a Datblygiad Corfforol

Argymhelliad

Ymgorffori symudiad a gweithgarwch corfforol mewn deddfwriaeth blynyddoedd cynnar.

Rhesymeg

Mae gweithgarwch corfforol yn cefnogi datblygiad modur, gwybyddol a chymdeithasol. Mae mynd i'r afael ag ymddygiad eisteddog yn hanfodol ar gyfer canlyniadau iechyd hirdymor.



9

Ymarfer Cynhwysol a Gwrth-hiliol

Argymhelliad

Mandadu dulliau gwrth-hiliol mewn lleoliadau blynyddoedd cynnar.

Rhesymeg

Mae ymarfer cynhwysol yn cefnogi cyfleoedd cyfartal ac ymatebol diwyllianol. Mae'n cyfrannu at nod Llywodraeth Cymru o Gymru wrth-hiliol erbyn 2030.

10

Canolbwyntio ar y 1.000 Diwrnod Cyntaf

Argymhelliad

Cynyddu cymorth i deuluoedd yn ystod beichiogrwydd a'r ddwy flynedd gyntaf o fywyd.

Rhesymeg

Mae'r cyfnod hwn yn sylfaenol ar gyfer datblygiad gydol oes. Mae buddsoddi mewn cymorth cynnar yn cynhyrchu enillion cymdeithasol ac economaidd sylweddol.



11

Datblygu'r Gweithlu



Argymhelliad

Gwellu cyflog, amodau, a llwybrau gyrfa ar gyfer ymarferwyr blynyddoedd cynnar.

Rhesymeg

Mae'r sector yn wynebu trosiant uchel a chyflog isel. Mae buddsoddi yn y gweithlu yn allweddol i sicrhau ansawdd a pharhad mewn gofal.

12

Hyrwyddo'r Gymraeg



Argymhelliad

Cynyddu cyllid i sefydliadau sy'n hyrwyddo'r Gymraeg mewn lleoliadau blynyddoedd cynnar.

Rhesymeg

Mae amlygiad cynnar i'r Gymraeg yn cefnogi caffael iaith a hunaniaeth ddiwylliannol. Gall cyllid targedig bontio'r bwlch i deuluoedd di-gymraeg.



13

Cymarebau Gofal Plant



Argymhelliad

Deddfu ar gyfer cymarebau staff-i-blant isel.

Rhesymeg

Mae cymarebau is mewn lleoliadau blynyddoedd cynnar yn galluogi gofal personol a gwell canlyniadau datblygiadol. Mae mesurau arbed costau sy'n cynyddu cymarebau yn risg o newidio ansawdd.

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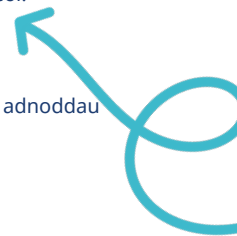
Cymorth Anghenion Dysgu Ychwanegol (ADY)

Argymhellion

- Cyflymu'r broses atgyfeirio ar gyfer plant bach ag ADY.
- Ariannu hyfforddiant staff a lleihau cymarebau mewn lleoliadau ADY.
- Cynyddu capasiti ymwelwyr iechyd a chymorth gan awdurdodau lleol.

Rhesymeg

Mae canfod a gweithredu'n gynnar yn hollbwysig. Mae oedi a phrinder adnoddau presennol yn rhwystro cymorth effeithiol i blant ag ADY.



Gweithio gyda'r sector ehangach:

Mae Blynnyddoedd Cynnar Cymru hefyd yn falch o gefnogi **Bil Bob Plentyn**¹¹, a grëwyd gan Jane Dodds a'r Grŵp Trawsbleidiol ar Blant a Theuluoedd, ynghyd â'r **Y Dechrau Gorau mewn Bywyd: Fframwaith Gweithredu ar gyfer y Blynnyddoedd Cynnar**¹² gan Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru. Hoffem hefyd annog y defnydd o fframwaith **Chwarae, Dysgu a Gofal Plentynod Cynnar**¹³ Llywodraeth Cymru sy'n helpu i lywio arferion blynnyddoedd cynnar.

¹¹ Bil Pob Plentyn (A Law for Every Child (Gorffennaf 2025)) wedi'i ddatblygu gan Grŵp Trawsbleidiol y Senedd ar Blant a Theuluoedd a Grŵp Trawsbleidiol y Senedd ar Blant yn Ein Gofal. https://issuu.com/childreninwales/docs/bil_pob_plentyn_-_a_law_for_every_child?fr=sMjFKZDg0Mjg0OTI

¹² Y Dechrau Gorau mewn Bywyd: Fframwaith Gweithredu ar gyfer y Blynnyddoedd Cynnar, a gyhoeddwyd gan Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru ar 1 Gorffennaf 2025 ochr yn ochr ag adroddiad Mewnwelediadau Rhieni, yn amlinellu dull newydd o wella cymorth i deuluoedd â babanod a phlant ifanc. "Mae'n cyfuno arbenigedd gweithwyr proffesiynol y blynnyddoedd cynnar â phrofiadau byw rhieni a gofalgwyr i egluro'n glir beth mae'n ei olygu i roi'r dechrau gorau mewn bywyd i bob plentyn yng Nghymru, ac yn cyflwyno gweledigaeth gytûn o sut y gall y system blynnyddoedd cynnar wireddu'r nod hwn. <https://icc.gig.cymru/newyddion1/leisiau-rhieni-wrth-wraidd-fframwaith-gweithredu-ar-gyfer-y-blynnyddoedd-cynnar-newydd/>

¹³ Chwarae, Dysgu a Gofal Plentynod Cynnar yw ddull integredig o addysg a gofal plant i blant 0-5 oed, sy'n canolbwyntio ar ddatblygiad cyffannol i gefnogi lles a dysgu gydol oes, gan alinio â Chwricwlwm Cymru a'r Safonau Gofynnol Cenedlaethol. <https://hwb.gov.wales/cwricwlwm-i-gymru/chwarae-dysgu-a-gofal-plentynod-cynnar-yng-nghymru/>

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2026 Election Manifesto

A Welsh Way Forward for Early Years:
Policy Priorities for the Next Senedd





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A message from our Chair & CEO



We are proud to launch a Manifesto for the Early Years for the 2026 Senedd elections.

Early Years Wales is the leading organisation representing providers and campaigning for better services for the youngest children and their families in Wales. Our Manifesto for the Early Years is aimed at political parties and aspiring Senedd Members to focus attention and efforts on enhancing opportunities for all babies and young children.

There is strong international evidence that the early years (age 0 to 7 years) establishes the foundations for children's development with strong links established to health, educational, social and economic outcomes into adulthood¹. However, children in Wales do not always receive the best start in life.

Over the last two Senedd terms, there has been steady progress in Early Years policy in Wales. We have seen commitments to provide a universal offer for all 2-year-olds², the implementation of the Childcare Offer for Wales³, a child-centered Curriculum for funded non-maintained nursery settings⁴, and the launch of Early Childhood Play, Learning, and Care (ECPLC)⁵.

Alongside this, Welsh Government has committed to a 10-Year Childcare Play and Early Years Workforce Plan (refreshed in July 2024),⁶ Cymraeg 2050: A million Welsh speakers⁷, and an Anti-racist Wales Action Plan.⁸

We recognise that much has been achieved and we are proud of our record of working across the political spectrum and with the Welsh Government to support and influence change.

Our vision is for a vibrant ecosystem of services and professionals that allows all children in Wales to play, learn, and thrive, and be supported to fulfill their potential.

For us to fulfil this vision, we need to build on the progress already made, but with an even stronger commitment to enhance the sector, the system, and the conditions for all babies and children.

To do this will take commitment from the next Senedd and the next government of Wales to think ahead and support future generations.

Our invitation to you is to work with us. Taken together, the following policy recommendations would make a huge difference and have long-term benefits for sector, for children and families, and for the future of Wales.

If you would like to discuss any of the recommendations or have a more general conversation about supporting children in the early years, we would be very happy to hear from you.

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A Welsh Way Forward for Early Years: Policy Priorities for the Next Senedd



This document outlines a series of evidence-informed policy recommendations to improve early years care and education in Wales.

Drawing on research, sector engagement, and the lived experiences of families and practitioners, we propose a strategic framework to ensure that all children in Wales have the best start in life. Our recommendations focus on statutory reform, workforce development, parental support, and inclusive practice, with a particular emphasis on the first 1,000 days of life.

This document along with Bil Bob Plentyn – A law for every child⁹, and The Best Start in Life: An Early Years Framework for Action¹⁰ offers a pathway to an even better early years' experience for children, their families and the workforce in Wales. Early Years Wales is proud to support both documents alongside the recommendations in our manifesto.

⁹ https://issuu.com/childreninwales/docs/bil_bob_plentyn_-_a_law_for_every_child?fr=sMjFkZDg0Mjg0OTI

¹⁰ <https://phw.nhs.wales/news/parents-voices-at-the-heart-of-new-early-years-framework-for-action/>



1

Statutory Recognition of Early Childhood, Play, Learning and Care (ECPLC)

Recommendation

Make ECPLC a statutory responsibility across all early years settings.

Rationale

ECPLC provides a holistic framework for the care, play, and learning of children aged 0–5. It aligns with the UNCRC and promotes equity across diverse settings. Statutory adoption would ensure consistency, quality, and child-centred practice across Wales.

2

Reform of Parental Leave and Support

Recommendation

Increase the duration and financial support for maternity and paternity leave to dovetail with the start of funded childcare provision at age two.

Rationale

Increasing the duration and financial support for maternity and paternity leave has strong social, economic, and health-related rationales. Longer leave allows parents to form stronger emotional bonds with their newborns, which is crucial for early development; extended maternity leave supports exclusive breastfeeding, which has proven health benefits for both mother and child; and studies show that paid parental leave is associated with lower infant mortality rates.



3

Sustainable Childcare Funding

Recommendation

Increase the Childcare Offer funding rate beyond the current £6.40 per hour.

Rationale

Current funding for early years providers to deliver Welsh Government's Childcare Offer is insufficient to meet rising operational costs. A higher rate would support staff retention, quality provision, and long-term sustainability of early years settings.

4

Accessible and Simplified Childcare Offer

Recommendation

Streamline the application process for parents and carers accessing funded childcare.

Rationale

Complexity in the current system deters uptake. Simplification would improve access, particularly for disadvantaged families, and support the Welsh Government's universal childcare ambitions.



5

Strengthening Parental Support Services

Recommendation

Expand access to parenting advice and developmental support from conception onwards.

Rationale

Early intervention is critical. Providing accessible, community-based support improves child health, development, and parental confidence.

6

Ministerial and Leadership Accountability

Recommendation

Appoint a dedicated Minister for Babies and Children.

Rationale

A ministerial role would ensure that early years issues are prioritised in policymaking and that children's voices are represented at the highest level.

7 Terminology Reform



Recommendation

Rename the Children's Commissioner to the Babies and Children's Commissioner.

Rationale

This change reflects the importance of the first 1,000 days and strengthens the visibility of infant rights in policy discourse.

8 Movement and Physical Development

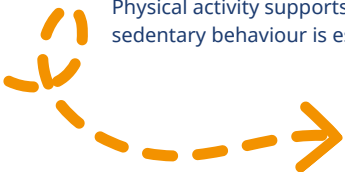


Recommendation

Embed movement and physical activity in early years legislation.

Rationale

Physical activity supports motor, cognitive, and social development. Addressing sedentary behaviour is essential for long-term health outcomes.



9

Inclusive and Anti-Racist Practice

Recommendation

Mandate anti-racist approaches in early years settings.

Rationale

Inclusive practice supports equality of opportunity and cultural responsiveness. It contributes to the Welsh Government's goal of an anti-racist Wales by 2030.

10

Focus on the First 1,000 Days

Recommendation

Enhance support for families during pregnancy and the first two years of life.

Rationale

This period is foundational for lifelong development. Investment in early support yields significant social and economic returns.



11

Workforce Development



Recommendation

Improve pay, conditions, and career pathways for early years practitioners.

Rationale

The sector faces high turnover and low pay. Investment in the workforce is essential to ensure quality and continuity of care.

12

Welsh Language promotion



Recommendation

Increase funding for organisations promoting Welsh in early years settings.

Rationale

Early exposure to Welsh supports language acquisition and cultural identity. Targeted funding can bridge gaps for non-Welsh-speaking families.



13

Childcare Ratios

Recommendation

Legislate for low staff-to-child ratios.

Rationale

Lower ratios in early years settings enable personalised care and better developmental outcomes. Cost-saving measures that increase ratios risk undermining quality.



14

Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Support

Recommendation

- Expedite referral processes for young children with ALN.
- Fund staff training and reduce ratios in ALN settings.
- Increase health visitor capacity and local authority support.

Rationale

Early identification and intervention are critical. Current delays and resource constraints hinder effective support for children with ALN.



Working together with the wider sector:

Early Years Wales is pleased to endorse **Bill Bob Plentyn**¹¹, created by Jane Dodds and the Cross Party Group on Children and Families, as well as **The Best Start in Life: An Early Years Framework for Action**¹² produced by Public Health Wales. We would also like to encourage the use of the Welsh Government's **ECPLC**¹³ framework which helps inform early years practice.

11 Bil Pob Plentyn | A Law for Every Child (July 2025) has been developed by the Senedd Cross Party Group on Children and Families and the Senedd Cross party Group on Children in Our Care. https://issuu.com/childreninwales/docs/bil_pob_plentyn_-_a_law_for_every_child?fr=sMjFKZDg0Mjg0OTI

12 Best Start in Life: An Early Years Framework for Action, published by Public Health Wales on 1 July 2025 alongside a Parental Insights report, outlines a new approach to improving support for families with babies and young children. It brings together the expertise of early years professionals and the lived experiences of parents and carers to define what it means to give every child in Wales the best start in life and offers a clear, shared vision for how the early years system can bring it to life. <https://phw.nhs.wales/news/parents-voices-at-the-heart-of-new-early-years-framework-for-action/>

13 Early Childhood Play, Learning and Care (ECPLC) is an integrated approach to education and childcare for children aged 0-5, focusing on holistic development to support well-being and lifelong learning, aligning with the Curriculum for Wales and National Minimum Standards. <https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales/early-childhood-play-learning-and-care-in-wales/>

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