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**Request for Practice Examples: *children's centres and early years settings***

**Context**

C4EO and NCB are working together to identify and share effective practice currently taking place in early years settings including children's centres. With the reorganisations of children's services as a whole that are underway in many local areas, the piloting of payment by results approaches in children's centres, along with other aspects of early years services, we are keen to capture the good work that is already in place and to share this with others.

**Request**

We are particularly keen to receive examples of practice on:

- Organisational structures within whole early years services
- Leadership and management practice that lead to improved outcomes for children and families
- Models of workforce development in the early years as a whole and within children's centres
- Engagement of families in greatest need through children's centres with evidence of how their lives and those of their children, have improved
- Examples of effective integration of education, health and other support services and improved outcomes for those children and families receiving the services
- Effective family support provision including outreach
- Support for engagement of parents as first educators and development of positive home learning environments
- Support for early literacy, particularly for those children at risk of poor educational outcomes.

If you would like to submit an example, you can download the submission form from the C4EO website [www.c4eo.org.uk](http://www.c4eo.org.uk) and send it to [C4EOTeam@nfer.ac.uk](mailto:C4EOTeam@nfer.ac.uk), or complete the form on line. If you would like to speak to someone about your example before submitting, please contact Joyce Connor at NCB [jconnor@ncb.org.uk](mailto:jconnor@ncb.org.uk), 020 7843 6102.

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