



Bookbug for the Home 2017–18

Bringing stories, songs and rhymes into the homes of families

Key outputs

423

practitioners trained across health, third sector, local authority, education & libraries



4.9/5 average training rating

6,091

children and parents reached by 2017/18 trainees

97%

said Bookbug for the Home training increased their confidence in working with families

96%

said Bookbug was effective or very effective in supporting their work with families

Impact – Top 5 outcomes for families (observed by practitioners)



Children's speech and communication improves



Families spend more time engaged in play activities



Parents are more engaged in child's learning and development



Families spend more time reading



Parents develop increased levels of self-confidence

Other key outcomes reported...



Improved daily routines



Improved family relationships



Less phone/screen time



Increased engagement with community services

Reach (since launch in 2012)

All

local authority areas delivering Bookbug for the Home

3,739

people trained since 2012

18,500+

families have benefitted from Bookbug for the Home activities

'It was only when I introduced Bookbug to family support sessions that I observed a mum and her young child laugh and play together. The joy expressed was priceless.'

Family Support Worker, Third Sector



Case study: The Nassar family

Fiona is a Play and Early Intervention Development Officer who has been supporting the Nassar family, an Iraqi family with three young children who have been resettled in East Ayrshire. Fiona makes weekly home visits to support the children's development and help the family to settle in to their new community.

The language barrier was a big problem, but Fiona decided to use Bookbug for the Home resources and activities including books, songs, stretchy Lycra and finger puppets. She says:

‘Bookbug activities were a great ice-breaker, helping me to break down barriers and build relationships by engaging the children in something fun.’

Fiona found a photographic book of animals in her resource kit to be particularly useful. The eldest child loved the book and the pair would communicate by pointing at the pictures and making animal noises.

Fiona says Bookbug activities have helped the children learn new words, grow in confidence and develop their social skills. She acknowledges the impact of Bookbug in helping her to build the trust of the family, and introducing them to the fun of sharing books and songs together.

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