

Understanding Child Development for Children aged 7-12 Years Mobile App



This is a free resource for social workers, early year's workers, teaching professionals, youth and community workers and parents. It is designed to ensure that social workers and other professionals working in early years, education and youth work have instant access to high quality information on child developmental norms relevant to the 7-12 year's age group. This is the second app in the NISCC Understanding Child Development mobile app series.

This free resource helps you;

- Understand child development issues relevant to the 7-12 years age group.
- Make links with knowledge obtained from the Understanding Child Development for 0-6 Children app.
- Access further reading and pertinent video links in relation to children and young person's developmental milestones.
- Utilise theoretical frameworks, via succinct knowledge synopses, video links and hyperlinked references to enhance an understanding of child development within the specified age range.
- Draw on significant legislation and policy relevant to work with children, young people and looked after children in the 7-12 years age grouping.
- Utilise and reflect on pertinent case studies which are based on realistic scenarios in practice.
- Critically reflect on observational skills and knowledge aligned to practice with children and young people in the identified age group.
- Inform decision making skills whilst on practice placement or within the work setting.
- Enhance professional competence in relation to decision making based on observation, assessment of child development.

The Northern Ireland Social Care Council developed this second innovative mobile application for Child Development in partnership with the University of Ulster and Queens University Belfast. The app content is underpinned by the expertise of the two universities through both authors, Dr Anne Campbell and Professor Mary McColgan from the Social Work Departments at Queens University Belfast and the University of Ulster, who were commissioned to write the content. It has also benefited from input from the social work, early years and education professionals who joined the Child Development App Steering Group convened by the NISCC.

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The app presents a cost effective method of delivering educational information and guidance literally at your fingertips and for this reason has been warmly welcomed by employers across all sectors involved in service provision for children, young people and looked after children in the 7-12 years age grouping.

The app is available to download free from iTunes and Google Play at the following links;

IOS/Apple: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/understanding-child-development/id844185853?mt=8>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.paperbag.child.seven.twelve>