



## ***Developing a Local EPEC Hub***

A well-organised Hub is the heart of successful EPEC provision. It provides the organisation, ethos and oversight to ensure safe, high quality, and effective practice.





### **What is an EPEC Hub?**

An EPEC Hub organises and provides EPEC parenting courses in a local area. Each Hub is:

- Embedded in local services, and can be located in local authority, NHS or voluntary sector children's provision.
- Depending on scale of delivery, a Hub is staffed by one or more practitioners with parenting and child development expertise, backed by administrative support.
- Typically, Hubs begin by delivering a programme of around 10 EPEC courses per year, which is sufficient to support a viable cohort of local parent group leaders.
- Each local EPEC site receives training, support and expertise from the national EPEC team, ensuring programme fidelity and maintaining quality.

### **What does an EPEC Hub do?**

EPEC Hubs are the operational heart of local EPEC provision. Their role is to:

- Provide the focus, quality and ethos underpinning all local EPEC activity.
- Ensure safe, effective practice and adherence to local standards and procedures.
- Organise, supervise and oversee the delivery of local EPEC courses.
- Recruit, train and support local EPEC parent group leaders.
- Ensure that EPEC courses engage and meet the needs of local parents, families and commissioning objectives.
- Ensure that EPEC provision complements and adds value to local parenting services and support.

### **What does an EPEC Hub Co-ordinator do?**

The parenting expertise, training, organisational skills and supervision methods of the Hub Co-ordinator are crucial for:

- Organising a rolling programmes of well publicised EPEC parent courses located in accessible local settings such as children centres, voluntary agencies and faith centres in specific neighbourhoods within the local authority/CCG area.
- Recruiting and retaining accredited, safe and effective parent group leaders.
- Facilitating the accredited 6-10 day (60 hour) EPEC Parent Group Leader training.
- Observing and supervising EPEC group leaders' practice on a fortnightly basis.
- Developing a supportive and motivating ethos for parent group leaders.
- Providing ongoing learning, development and reflection workshops for parent group leaders.
- Managing on-going EPEC course outcome evaluation and quality assurance reviews.

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