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## **Flying Start**

# **The Welsh Government's Flagship early years programme and one of 'Five for a Fairer Future'**

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# Welsh Policy context

## Why the early years are important

- Evidence tells us that the early years are:
  - vital to a child's emotional, social and cognitive development
  - the foundations on which all future development will be built



# What is Flying Start?

- Targeted at 0-3 year olds in our most disadvantaged communities
- Core entitlement:
  - Childcare for 2-3 year olds (12.5 hrs per week)
  - Intensive Health Visiting for all eligible children (1:110 caseloads)
  - Parenting Support
  - Language, Communication and Play



# How do we know it works?

## National Evaluation:

*“Flying Start is on track to improve the life chances of the children in the areas in which it runs”*



# Manifesto Commitment

To double the number of children and their families benefitting from Flying Start

## Currently:

- £38 million revenue funding 2010/2011
- Reaches 18,000 and their families
- 13% of the 0 to fourth birthday age group in Wales