

Newsletter

Parenting update

This bi-monthly update aims to provide information on new developments both locally and nationally and an opportunity for you to be involved in shaping parenting and family support services in the future.



Investment in parenting and family support services locally

Central Bedfordshire has funding up until 2011 for:

- A Parenting Early Intervention Programme (PEIP) to help mothers and fathers of children aged 8 – 13 at risk of poor outcomes improve their parenting skills
- Parenting Experts to provide advice on parenting support services and to co-ordinate the delivery of targeted parenting programmes and other support for parents of children aged 0 – 19
- A Youth Crime Family Intervention Project (FIP) to

provide intensive support to families in the greatest difficulty

- Introducing and implementing 'Think Family' reforms

Additionally there is funding for Parent Support Advisors based in schools to support parents and improve behaviour, attendance and attainment.

In 2009 / 2010 we want to work with you to increase the delivery of parenting support services and make a real difference to families in Central Bedfordshire.

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‘Think Family’ briefings

Do you want to know more about ‘Think Family’? Then get in contact with our Parenting Development and Commissioning Manger who will be happy to come along to your team to provide a briefing: fiona.side@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Introducing...

The new Parenting Team Leader, Ginny Redbond, will be starting in September 2009. As part of her role she will be:

- Managing the PEIP and the Locality Parent Support Advisor Teams
- Co-ordinating the training and support offer to school based parent support advisors

Become a Think Fathers champion for your service

We are keen to raise awareness of the valuable role fathers play in a child’s development, from the day they are born, right through the teenage years

If you have ideas or experience in engaging with fathers and would like to influence how fathers are included in family and children’s services then get in contact with Parenting Development and Commissioning Manager: fiona.side@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Positive Parenting Network – be part of it

For professionals working with families we want to provide you with:

- More opportunities to network and share good practice
- Better information about parenting support services locally
- Tools to support you measure the effectiveness of your work
- Strategies to engage with parents not accessing support
- Opportunities to access professional qualifications
- Training and support to deliver evidence based parenting programmes.

The Positive Parenting Network is a half termly meeting for practitioners delivering parenting support services to come together to exchange information and knowledge and to discuss practice issues and celebrate good practice.

To book your place at the next meeting on Friday 25 September please email our Senior Parenting Advisor: peter.barras@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

What next?

Roll out of Parenting Programmes

From September we will be co-ordinating the delivery of the following Parenting Programmes:

- Strengthening Families 10 – 14 – a 7 week programme for parents and their young people aged 10 – 14 years
- Webster Stratton Incredible Years – a 12 week programme for parents of children aged 3 – 8 years
- Parenting Puzzle – a 10 week programme for parents of children aged 2 – 11 years delivered through selected Children’s Centres

For further information about any of these programmes and how they can be accessed please email Senior Parenting Advisor: peter.barras@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk