



HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES FORUM
Minutes of Andover Branch Meeting
September 21st 2006
TVCS Offices, Wessex Chambers

PRESENT

Dawn Elson, TVCS Partnership Officer (DE)
Maggie Fisher, Health visitor (MF)
Diane Williamson, Portage (DW)
Mike Reynolds, Home Start U K (MR)
Clare Clark, Andover Family Learning (CC)
Jane Gagel, Andover Museum, Outreach Worker (JG)
Sharon Manzur, Army families, special needs (SM)
Julie Ridge, PDW, Pre School Learning Alliance (JR)
Sharon Goodchild, HCC Parent Development Coordinator
Liz Williams, CAMHS, HCF (LW)
Elaine Rolfe, Out of Schools, WACA (ER)
Mike Pollard, Sports Development Outreach Officer, TVI
Jo Whitfield, Area Manager HCF (JW)
Sharon Goodridge, HCF co-ordinator, Andover. (SG)

APOLOGIES

Marie Brewer, Out of Schools,
Development Worker, WACA
Ross Jones, The Depot
Debra McAndrew, EECU, Senior
Officer
Janice Buckley, Kids Church
Jacqui Olding, Portage
Lorna Wagner, NCMA
Mandy Pike, First Partnership

Minutes of last meeting agreed, SG reported that The Family Links Nurturing Programme is now promoted through HCF information Boards.

HCF consultation

Research into Parents understanding of childcare, the report for this will be available soon on the HCF website.
Last quarters research of services available for Vulnerable Children is now on the website. Can be updated with new services via SG
DE suggested the Child Contact Center details are added (SG)
Next quarters research (Jan – March) is 'After School Care for children 5 – 14 with Special Needs', awaiting questionnaire from The Vulnerable Children sub group. If you know of any related groups please make SG aware. MF suggested Acorns and Mencap

The Depot

Thank you to Mike Pollard who gave information and details about The Depot, which has been open for 18 months, mainly targeting 8 – 14 year olds, although offers some activities to younger children and adults. Provides out of school

activities including sports courts, skate park, pool tables, The Blue Room, with PC and Xbox, and clubs such as martial arts and table tennis. Working towards Healthy Eating, with Extended Schools and fighting childhood obesity with Teen Fit. They also offer activities for children with special needs through schools. October half term activities are now being advertised.. LW commented how reasonably priced the activities are.

Funding

Thank you to DE for providing information and details about various grants and funding available to support local voluntary and community organizations. Greg Alexander (TVCS) is the Funding Advisor and can help with a Funder Finder service, which finds appropriate grants /trust funds etc, and can help word applications.

Hampshire County Council departments offer grants including; Adult Services, Arts, Children's Services, Community Support and Transport, Policy and Resources, Museums and Archives, Sports, Youth services.

Local Network fund are winding up in March 2008 and may have monies available to support projects and activities for children 0 – 19.

www.action.hants.org.uk (0845 1130 161)

Awards For all application Packs 0845 410 2030

JW suggested HCFF maybe able to access funds to support printing of hard copy directories of local information for families. Speak to Greg Alexander (SG)

HCFF website and Newsletters

Any events to go on the website information board please forward to S.G.

Any articles for forthcoming newsletter please email to S.G, by Oct 2nd if possible, for inclusion

HCFF Directories

An on going project to provide local information for families through our web site directory.

AFL are looking to update The Parent Aid directory in the near future, possibly on line.

Information Exchange

DE – Andover Child Contact Center meets once a fortnight on Sat morning at Andover Baptist Church. They have their first AGM on Tues Oct 10th. @ Phoenix Centre @ 6.30pm, to find out @ the aims and purposes. DE is the chair of Management committee.

Andover Carers Forum - steering group for people with links to carers, speak to DE to participate.

MR - Home start UK consultant. If a community expresses an interest to support parents a steering group can be created to set up a charity, apply for funding,

staffing etc, needs to be community orientated “The pot in Andover has been stirred”. For information / details @ home start and/or to express an interest contact MReynolds @home-start.org.uk
AFL may be able to get involved + TVCS Volunteer group

SM – Service Families have usually been supported through various agencies, now looking for local services to provide support.

CC – Introduced self – part of the Information and Advice team at Andover Family Learning, offering educational / learning advice to adults.

DW – Portage has a new full time member of staff. Working via referrals, with a waiting list.

JG – Been in post as Museum outreach Worker for 2 weeks. Working on the ‘Dreams’ project funded by Learning Disability Development Fund, a 12 month project, to provide an opportunity for people with a learning disability to take part in art workshops in the community and at the museum then to display their work in an exhibition at Andover museum in Summer 2007.

MF – Explained that from Oct 1st, the Mid Hants PCT will join 7 PCTs and become the Hampshire PCT. Awaiting to find out impact on our area. A ‘Netmums’ survey has revealed parents want support and health checks to be more available from health visitors.

JR – Is involved in support for voluntary groups.

S Goodchild – The Parent Development team at HCC – Advice and support for parents + courses offered; Confident Parents/Confident Kids (SPOT) Supporting Parents of Teenagers
Special Children/Special Parents for children 18 months- 11 years
Are looking to develop a programme to cover adolescents with special needs.
Parent.development@hants.gov.uk

LW – CAMHS (Child adolescent mental health) is a bridge between local families and practitioners. At moment surveying families to find views and opinions @ services available. Local implementation group meeting next week.

ER – In post for 4 weeks supporting Marie Brewer for Winchester and Test Valley Out of schools development.

S Goodridge - Been asked to raise following;
Mandy pike (Work experience project manager) First Partnership, looking to place students from Health and Social care on Wednesdays. Contact 01252 852471 mandypike@firstpartnership.com
Playwork recruitment Fair @ Winchester Guildhall Monday Oct 23rd, 1 – 7pm
(information on training courses/ advertising jobs and demonstrations of play work)

Tony Elsbury at Winchester City Council has been working on a 2 year project to offer home safety checks to 50, referred families and has funding to provide safety equipment eg stairgates / locks. HCC website has Home Safety risk assessment sheets for families to access and use themselves.

Sally Brook HCFF Strategic County Officer would like to know of any anti bullying groups in this area. Anti bullying week is 20 – 24 November.

Community Action Hampshire, Pathfinder Project Conference on Friday 27 October 9.15 – 1pm @ Colden Common Community Centre.

Branch Chairperson

This position remains vacant. Also, HCFF have a number of Trustee positions vacant if anyone is interested – job descriptions made available.

HCFF AGM Thursday October 5th at Shawford and Compton Village Hall, 10 – 12, guest speaker Donna Saville, Chief Officer Solent Youth Action. All invited. Agreed by all that SG be eligible to vote on behalf of Andover HCFF Branch.

Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting set for Thursday 18th January, 9.30 am – 11.00am.

To be held at TVCS Offices, Wessex Chambers, South Street, Andover. (Thank you to TVCS)

Close of Meeting

Thanks to everyone for attending today.



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