



HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES FORUM
Minutes of Andover Branch Meeting
April 26th 2006
Wessex Chambers

PRESENT

Annette Abdouramane, Mencap
Marie Brewer, Out of Schools Development Worker
Dawn Elson, TVCS
Maggie Fisher, Health visitor
Carol French, Portage
Shirley Souter, Mencap
Paula Page, Andover Family Learning
Jenny Stevens, Andover Museum
Kelly Summers, CNN
Lorna Wagner, NCMA
Jo Whitfield, Area Manager HCFE
Sharon Goodridge, HCFE co-ordinator, Andover.

APOLOGIES

Diana Barnes-Andover Library
Debra McAndrew
Annette Headech
Claire Tilson
Judith Lee
Jacqui Olding

Family Links, Nurturing Programme

Paula Page spoke about above parenting programmes, which run in and around Andover. Gave information and outlined the course content, looked at the Parenting Puzzle handbook which accompanies the 10 week programme. Explained referral system. Thank you to Paula for giving such an enthusiastic review of Family Links. Enquire if HCFE could become involved in Family Links in other parts of Hampshire.

(SG)

HCFE consultation – Support for Young Parents

SG fed back on findings of consultation and that The Junction in Andover offers various support groups, advice and information for Young Parents. Gave out information sheets.

HCFE website & Andover Newsletter

Any events to go on the website please forward to S.G.
Any articles for forthcoming Summer newsletter please email to S.G. by May 8th for inclusion

Information Exchange

SG – Parent line Plus Lone Parent Meeting is arranged for Friday May 5th, 12 – 2pm @ Wells Place, Eastleigh, Can arrange transport and crèche.
For information contact Lesley 023 8061 9826

JS – Easter activities at the museum were successful. Project for outreach in process of setting up. An exhibition is planned for Summer 07 by people with learning disabilities.

DE – A ‘Time for You Day’ is planned for carers on Wednesday 10th May @ The Fairground, Weyhill, 10 – 3pm.
Transport can be provided. For information contact Dawn @ TVCS

AA – Mencap have after school activities for children with learning disabilities 4+ years. A grant from Sure Start will provide for activities 2 evenings a week @ Stephens Ark. Also a computer club is running @ The Junction 2 evenings a week.

MB – Extra funding will allow Marie to raise the profile of the Childcare Development Worker role.

LW – St Benedicts pre-school has suddenly closed, Lorna has been helping parents find new places for pre school children through the Vacancy filling Service.
A drop in session has started for newly registered childminders @ Lanterns in Winchester to provide support through a buddy scheme.

MF – Places are available on the forthcoming SPOT (Supporting Parents of Teenagers) course running May 10th – July 19th @ Bishops Green near Newbury.

PP – Next years funding for Andover Family Learning will hopefully include Parent and Children together play type sessions, with numeracy, literacy or child development themes. Also hoping to offer baby massage and baby signing courses.

AFL has web site www.andoverfamilylearning.co.uk for information on programmes.

AFL forum May 11, 9.30 – 11 am @ The Entertainer, King Arthurs Way, on the agenda is a Speaker from HCC on Childrens Centres.

Paula announced she is leaving AFL at May half term for a position in Salisbury working with children in care. All agreed she will be sadly missed! Good luck Paula for the future.

Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting set for Thursday 21st September, 9.30 am – 11.00am.
To be held at Wessex Chambers, South Street, Andover. (thank you to TVCS)

Close of Meeting

Thanks to everyone for attending today.



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