



HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES FORUM
Minutes of Andover Branch Meeting
May 10th 2007
TVCS Offices, Wessex Chambers

PRESENT

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APOLOGIES

Lucie Howkins, EECU, Development Officer (LH)

Clare Clark, Andover Family Learning (CC)

Jenny Stevens, Curator Andover Museum (JS)

Liz Williams, CAMHS, HCFF (LW)

Marie Brewer, Out of Schools Development Worker, WACA

Diane Williamson, Portage

Julie Ridge, 0- 5 Development Worker, PLA

Debra McAndrew, EECU, Senior Officer

Jo Whitfield, Area Manager HCFF

Sharon Goodchild, HCC, Parent Development

Welcome to everyone and thank you to Brigid Bell for acting as Chairperson (position of chairperson for Andover HCFF branch remains vacant)

Minutes of last meeting agreed

Parentaid Directory hoping for launch in July

Kidschurch Family Centre very much work in progress, still awaiting confirmation of Kings Gate House as a venue or will use existing Kids Church warehouse.

Karen Anthony Acorns Early Years Support Programme

The aim of the Acorns Early Support Programme, which operates in the Andover area, is to provide information and support to families with special needs children aged 0 – 5 years – it is non obligatory. Often many agencies are involved with a family and can become confusing therefore a key worker works with the family for support and continuity. A hard copy Family File keeps all details and information together for ease. Information may include benefits / health/ childcare/ education. AA mentioned similar support for families with older children would be a great advantage.

Carey Owen Senior Development Officer EECU – Parent Information

New to the post. Currently reviewing HCIS past, present and way forward. Hoping to expand Hants Fish, Children's Service Directory. Hoping to work with voluntary and community partners to provide information to families with children up to the age of 19 years. CO would appreciate comments about information gaps and what do families want / need to know.

Alison Holmes Project Co-coordinator from The Environment Center

Based in Southampton, currently working with Test Valley Action Group to develop a Community Plan with local residents. Aims and objectives have been developed and the next step is to split into 5 sub groups to work on action points, formulating ideas and to develop an action plan. Currently about 30 residents involved.

Article planned for press release in local newspaper.

Tour of the Eco development at Artists Way on 21st May at 2pm / 3pm and 4pm – contact AH for details.

DB suggested promoting along side the library's Summertime Children's reading challenge which this year has an environmental theme.

Milai Livingstone BME Children's Development Officer The Hampshire Ethnic Minority Achievement Service

ML is focusing on children and young people providing support both educationally and emotionally.

Provides support to children new to the country.

Support and information to parents

Cross Cultural Counselors

INT service - interpreters and translation

Training for LSA's in Supporting English as an Additional Language (SEAL)
Training for teachers in Teaching English as an Additional Language (TEAL)
Funding can be tight may be a small charge for some services

BB mentioned Dominique Rawlings who is the Ethnic Minority Officer for people with a learning disability. (dominique.rawlings@hants.gov.uk)

HCCF 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 May 18th if possible, for inclusion. Delivering newsletter the week of 25th June to families via schools and pre schools, GP Surgeries, Health visitors, Community groups and local venues – now funding for 5000 copies for the Andover area
LW asked if schools not receiving newsletters could have a copy emailed for their information and perhaps include any articles in their own school newsletters/ bulletins. (SG)

Children's Centres

Lucie Howkins not able to attend today, information given on Children's Centre update. One centre now planned for Alamein ward in Andover on Shepherds Spring School site after its closure in July 2008. Acorns Early years Centre will relocate to site and services will build up around. Out reach work for St Mary's ward. Likely to be operational early 2009.

Information Exchange

ER Marie Brewer moving to a position as General Manager of Basingstoke Play. An advert to find a replacement as Out of Schools Childcare Development Worker will be on WACA website. We all wish Marie the best of luck in her new job role.

RK Child Support Worker at Andover Crisis Centre – a 19 bed women's refuge. Counseling, sexual health drop in for information.

LW NCMA interested in being part of future Childcare consultation. HCCF awaiting details and questionnaires.
Funding available for Community childcare referrals from Children's' Services.

DB following a restructure at Hampshire Library service, will be based at Basingstoke as a Development Officer providing outreach work supporting p & t groups, pre schools, parent groups, out of schools groups. From June 1st the Children's' Library Service Development Officers for the Andover and Romsey area will be Emma Ostler and Helen Giles, possibly based in Lymington. The library summer reading challenge this year is the Big Wild Read with an environmental theme.

DE Voluntary Sector Forum at Longstock Village Hall on Wednesday May 16th, 10am – 12, speakers are Cranfield Trust – offering business support, Emily

Meadows – CAF Youth service and Hants / IOW Community Foundation – managing endowment funds. Also a Spot Light Session from local groups. For details contact Zoe Bussian at TVCS.

SG AFL Forum May 17th postponed

Cedric Riley new CEO for HCFF, an 11month post

Pamper Day Consultation event for parents of vulnerable children took place on April 28th at Lanterns, Winchester – 23 parents attended. Positive feedback.

Questionnaire collation due summer and will be available on website. Any parent still wishing to complete a questionnaire can still do so until the end of the summer term.

LW and AA enquired about awareness training for CAF as courses for this term were full. Discussion took place and they were assured that more local training dates would be available in the autumn term. DE also advised that awareness training could be assessed outside Andover area although it was seen as best practice for CAF Completer training to be taken up locally

Congratulations to Annette on recent engagement!

Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting set for Thursday 13th September 2007, 9.30 am – 11.00am. To be held at TVCS Offices, Wessex Chambers, South Street, Andover. (Thank you to TVCS)

Close of Meeting

Thank you to speakers for their time and to everyone for attending today.



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