



HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FORUM

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BASINGSTOKE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT 20 January 2006

CHILDREN'S FUND

Have attended Children's Fund meetings to discuss local projects. Hampton Trust, Play council, Anger Management, Fort Hill, Day Break, Relate, Sun and Shout, Bishopswood School Social skills, Sports Development - rugby have been funded this year by the Children's Fund. All were successful projects and given a green recommendation. One project will not be running for 06/07 and therefore that money has been spread equally to all remaining projects. Last meeting the local board set funding for next two years but this has to be ratified at County level. Project administrators to be advised to look for other streams of funding after 2007/08.

HOME-START FREEDOM

Have been working hard to publicise this and get more committed members on the steering group so that trustees can be appointed. In touch with local paper and blanketing with advert for next meeting. Put March meeting in the newsletter. Liasing with Mike Reynolds Home-Start UK and Philippa King Home-Start Clere. Health Visitors have withdrawn for various reasons. One is leaving the area and the other felt she would not have time to support the project. Two more volunteers since last meeting. Next meetings 7 February Marnel EYC 12.30 - 1.50 and 13 March 12.30 - 1.50

CHILDREN'S CENTRES

I have been attending the EYC Management meeting whereby childrens centres have been high on the agenda as Marnel have put the bid together for Phase II in this area. There is another Phase II project at Buckskin and three further centres planned for Basingstoke

CONSULTATION

This took the part of Researching parent and toddler groups and finding out what parents views are. All consultations can be viewed on the website as and when they are compiled into reports. Topic for this term is Support for Young Parents - working from the Teenage Pregnancy Advice Service Leaflet we will research support for parents to gather information from the local area and then consult with 5 parents about

services giving them a copy of the information and asking if we have missed anything. Julia Roberts Midwife running group on Fridays in town centre is being very supportive and I have been invite to make a visit on 3 February 06.

NEWSLETTERS

Approximately 2500 Newsletters have been sent out through schools, health centres, libraries, pre-schools parent and toddler groups and email

HCCF WEBSITE

Hampshire's strategy for Supporting Parents has been posted on the website.

Phase II of Plans for Children's Centres is also available.

Both can be found under the Consultation button

www.hcff.org.uk

CAMHS LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

HCCF are being represented at these meetings by Caroline - Farnborough Co-ordinator and an E-briefing has been emailed to all my contacts summarizing details and pointing to website for further details if required. Discussion took place regarding CAMHS Workshop more details below, provision for 16-17 year olds, Learning Disabilities, 24 hour cover CAMHS Rapid and Intensive Support System - CRISS and Self Harm. Next meeting will take place on 7 February 2006.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/MESSAGES/INFORMATION

Relate - mail out shortly regarding family counselling and relateen - no wait for appointments as availability has been increased.

World Book Day is being celebrated in the UK on Thursday 2nd March. Every child aged from pre-school to secondary school age is entitled to a £1 book voucher, which can be redeemed against the cost of any book costing £1.99 or more, or can be used to purchase one of the six specially published £1 books which can be found in all good bookshops.

If you are interested in holding a World Book Day event, or would like further information, then please contact Treena Westwood telephone 02380 420646 / 07708 078102, email: treenawestwood@hotmail.com or check out my website www.bookbods.co.uk.

Womens Health Day Event - 8 March 2006 - more information from Suki Binning 01256 338725 John Hunt School Basingstoke suki.binning@johnhunt.hants.sch.uk has been put in the next newsletter.

Overton - 'What's On' Event - 11 March 2006 more details from ndowns@hcff.org.uk

CAMHS Workshop

It was agreed that a Workshop should be organised in late May aimed at celebrating "Good Practice" within CAMHS. A sub group has been set up to organise the event. As well as venue, their task will be to look at what of audience should be invited, who will be asked to speak / format of the day and what topics will be covered. Caroline at Farnborough@hcff.org.uk will have more information after the next meeting.

Children and Young Peoples Plan

Hampshire plan is in outline draft stage A copy is on CAH website <http://action.hants.org.uk/PDFs/ECM/CYPPdraft7Dec.pdf>

On 4 January the CYPP consultation process will start and will last 12 weeks. CAH and HCYVYS are organising half-day VCS consultation events on 27 February in Eastleigh and 3 March in Aldershot More information from Liz Donegan on 01962 857 359

Funding available through Hampshire DAAT

The Young Persons Joint Commissioning Group (YPJCG) has a small amount of slippage funding in 2005 - 2006. We would like to invite statutory, voluntary and community agencies to put forward applications of up to £8,000 for funding from the Young People's Substance Misuse Partnership Grant.

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Carers Café - Whitchurch

Meet 4th Wednesday of each month starting 25 January 12.00 - 2.00 at the Methodist Hall, London road, Whitchurch for further

information contact Jane Halls 01256 353290

Jane@carerstogether.org.uk

Support Publications for families with Autistic children

Titles such as going to the shops - a guide for parents and carers
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County Parent Development Team - Spring Conference

Wednesday 1 March 2006 9 - 4.30 Eastpoint Centre Southampton

£50 (including lunch) Wednesday 8 March 2006 9 - 4.30

Basingstoke Country Hotel £50 (including lunch)

Booking forms available and should be completed by 20 January

2006 parent.development@hants.gov.uk

Hampshire Play Network Conference - Saturday 16 February

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