



## HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FORUM

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### BASINGSTOKE & DEANE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT MAY 2007

#### CHILDREN'S FUND

Tessa Notman has taken on temporary chair. Meetings have been cancelled.

#### HOME-START NORTH WEST HAMPSHIRE

Parenting course positive parenting course has been completed at Bishops Green Village Hall and parents are still meeting on a regular basis. They have been successful in receiving a grant to set up a toy library. At the AGM this week Maggie Bates has taken on the role of Chair. They are also actively checking out possible premises in Basingstoke so that more families can be supported in the urban community from the Basingstoke office. If you would like to know more about volunteering please contact Philippa King 01635 268666

#### EXTENDED SCHOOL'S SERVICE WORKSHOP

Basingstoke 1 have completed workshop 3 and North Downs areas will be on workshops 3 this month - all have done some form of consultation with parents on what needs to be provided in their local areas. I have listed all the provision in Tadley area. Basingstoke (2) Bishop Challoner, Costello College and St Bedes have been given dates for workshop 2 and 3 - 19 June and 27 September 9.30 start at Popley Fields Community Centre.

#### CHILDREN'S CENTRES

In the Popley area and I have worked alongside Lucy Ellis and Jess Hall on the parents subgroup and communications subgroup. Will be taking ideas for making a logo and naming the children's centre to the Popley Festival on Sunday 20 May. Hope to talk to all providers of services to get information about what they provide in Popley, and would like to do a mapping project with the families through schools and youth groups. Slow progress is being made elsewhere with the other centres although South Ham have identified premises.

#### FRIDAY CLUB - FILM PROJECT

Have sent details of identified funding to Linda Budiewicz Group for funding application to enable young parents to visit local comprehensive schools to show film 'Dispelling the Vicky Pollard Myth' and talk to students regarding teenage pregnancy.

### CONSULTATION WITH PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

A pamper day was arranged for 28 April 2007 at Beechdown Conference Centre. This was attended by 27 parents/carers and the day went well.

### NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters have been increased to 5000 per area for this year. These will be sent out through schools, health centres, libraries, pre-schools parent and toddler groups and email. This will go to print on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May and will be distributed the week of 25 June.

### HCFF WEBSITE

[www.hcff.org.uk](http://www.hcff.org.uk) Please send details of your events or organisations so that these can be put on the website.

### CAMHS LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

The e briefings have now ceased but HCFF have continued their support with the 'Messing with my head...' Project that was offered to local schools last term and is culminating in a feedback session at Central Studio on 17 May for all service providers. I have also attended the CAF steering group meeting

### HANTS ETHNICITY & LEARNING DISABILITY ACTION PLAN

I attended the launch of this plan which highlights the double difficulty BME group parents with children with disability are experiencing in Hampshire. Sent off for a book on support for these parents in Hampshire, which I shall keep in the office. Made contact with Dominique Rawlings 02392441450 the Co-ordinator for this group. If you should come across families needing support please contact Dominique.

### BASINGSTOKE DIRECTORY

Jo Whitfield and myself are in discussion with Anthony Harper of Basingstoke and Deane regarding sharing of information and working with them to provide information to parents in dual ways in the future. Nothing as yet has been finalized.