

HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FORUM

BRANCH MEETING

4TH MAY 2006

POULNER SCHOOL



- **Attendees**

Judi Strange – Jobcentre Plus
Dye Lockyer – NFDC
Dave Watson – Service Manager Children’s Services
Helen Giles – RW and FB Library
Rosie Tidby - Busy Bees P/S + Brownies
Sue Brinkman – Busy Bees P/S + NWF Scouting
Jane Finan– Youth Service
Chris Wheatly – connexions
Jenny Legge – Perceptual enrichments Programme
Jenny Paine – Ringwood School (Senior)
Claire Thompson – Poulner Infants School
Julie white – Fordingbridge Junior School and Infants – Jigsaw Project
Bev Wickham – Early Years Library
Debbie Grace – Community First NF
Janet Keith – EECU Area Senco
Hazel Burgess – Portage
Janet Connolley – Burley Primary School
Beverly Levett – Poulner Junior School
Helen Tague – FB Town Council
Sue Ledger – Ringwood Junior School – Jigsaw Project
Annette Mogg – NF PCT

- **Apologies**

Jim Day – Blashford Lakes Wildlife Study Centre
Kathy Heron – HCC Cllr.
Karen Etheridge – Childminding co-ordinator
Jill Barnett – Portage
Simone Olivier – Community Drugs Co-ordinator
Marian Frey – Parent + Branch Chair
Jackie Bennett – Foster Carers
Lindsay Osman – EECU
Denise Wiltshire – Development Worker
Sue Little – NFDC
Annabel Camode – Ashurst Child and Family Team
Emma Ostler – Library Services

- Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed

- **Matters Arising**

Turn Up For Fun programme – running over next 2 years due to grant agreement. Final decision on venues to be visited to be agreed.

Young Parents Survey gained information from which a leaflet can now be put together – but highlighted that little/no services were available specifically for young parents. A new initiative is now being developed as a drop in service for YP in the URC Church Hall in FB – more information to follow.

Current SPOT Course has 16 attendees including 3 fathers.

NETWORK

- Dave Watson introduced himself and spoke about the Change for Children Programme and the Common Assessment Framework. He defined working together and the duty to co-operate under the legislative framework. The 5 Outcomes were discussed and the importance of seeing this programme be brought together.
- Jenny Legge then gave a very informative talk about the programme she is involved with – and talked about children who found it very difficult to concentrate and/or exhibited behaviour difficulties within class settings.
- The school governor service was highlighted and the need to get the widest possible representation from the community on board – there is a need to refresh perspectives. ¼ of all Community Representation Positions on the School's Service are vacant..... Young people are particularly welcome and this could be very enriching for themselves as well as assisting the school's team to be wider ranging.
- The Jigsaw Programme was talked about as this has schools in the primary sector from both FB and RW working together . The Home Link workers are working with children who are either not accessing services at school or who require some home/school support. Families and the Jigsaw project work together – and so far this is proving to be extremely valuable. This is a pilot project at present.
- Parenting course for those with 6 –12 year olds is to commence at Avonway FB on 9th May.
- The Youth Service reported that the RW Club still requires more volunteer helpers and in particular a treasurer. There are available courses for Young People called Mind The Gap – which are designed for those looking at working in youth work. The Service will also be recruiting youth workers in due course due to various vacancies now available.
- Connexions are operating a drop in service in both FB and RW. There is a new pilot of 12 weeks currently running in Totton area – but due to roll out over the Forest – for those 16+ to engage and encourage those out of work called VIP.
- The FB Summer Playscheme is to run for 2 weeks from 31st July and they are seeking a qualified play leader. The youth shelter may possibly be re-vamped under a partnership with young offenders within a graffiti project.
- PCT reported that the RW Health Centre is nearing completion and that staff and services will move back to the new premises shortly. There is still limited time available for all the services that HV would like to be able to attend to.
- Scouting is still requiring leaders to come forward - trained or to be trained. A very successful camp had taken place with 150 young people 8 – 18 attending. On May 20th there is to be a plant sale in aid of scouts in RW.
- Tuesday afternoon Toddlers 1.15- 2.45 Busy Bees are rather quiet right now.....plenty of spaces for all babies and little ones!!
- Community First reported that some training was available on 21st May for funding and that there is a Fordingbridge forum that meets for all those who work in FB next meeting 9th June (HCFE already does attend as and when time permits). There is also a New Forest Parenting forum for all those interested in or delivering services on parenting/courses.
- The Library Service promoted their new Book Start Bags, which are available for 8month olds and 18months olds. Story times are being held in both libraries and are available to groups in out-reach work. Both local libraries have been re-arranged or re-fitted and there are many new facilities now available!
- Jobcentre Plus are encouraging young people to register with connexions in order to access other services they may not realise are available. New leaflet out More Choices for Childcare.
- Area Senco are now to be known as Area Inclusion Co-ordinators and are involved in expanding out of school initiatives. Horizons – which lists all training opportunities – is now out for the term.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER AT
FORDINGBRIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL - 7.30PM START

THIS IS GOING TO BE 'SUPPRISE GIVE-AWAY NIGHT!!'

-so do ensure you come along to claim your free
goodies and of course find out lots of information
about what is happening in the Autumn Term!!

