



CHILDREN  
& FAMILY  
SUPPORT

# Children and Families Change Programme

*What difference has been made?*

# Early Help (including Communities and Partners)

Work area	Impact
Parenting Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between September 2020 and July 2021 113 parenting programmes / workshops have been delivered by our new trainers</li> <li>• 98% of parents agreed that the programme has helped them to support their child's behaviour</li> </ul>
Early Help Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between October 2020 to June 2021               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 89 headteacher mentor visits were completed.</li> <li>○ After the visits 94% of headteachers responded that they feel supported by the early help process</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Youth Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of young people being supported with 1-1 support has increased from 222 as at the end of September 2020 to 313 as at the end of July 2021</li> <li>• As at June 21 –               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3.5 average increase in young people scores across all 6 youth work outcomes (Emotion Management, Empathy, Initiative, Problem Solving, Responsibility and Team Work)</li> <li>○ 85% of young people agreeing to 'Yes' to 'Did working with a youth worker help you make positive change in your life?' (167 responses)</li> <li>○ improved substance and alcohol usage scores between the initial and final assessment</li> <li>○ a reduction in considering carrying a bladed article scores between the initial and final assessment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Community Youth Service Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 organisations have received funding and will be delivering youth work to young people across the county who previously didn't have access to youth work provision</li> </ul>
Different Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a result of a new practitioner 14 additional clients have received support</li> <li>• 10 clients are receiving additional support via Psychological Assessments and/or receiving therapeutic support</li> <li>• Currently working with 44 clients, who between them have had 96 children removed from their care. Of those engaged with the service there have been no children born.</li> </ul>

# Children in need and child protection

Work area	Impact
Family Group Conferencing team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of families being supported by a Family Group Conference or Mediation has increased from 45 as at the end of September 2020 to 95 as at the end of July 2021 (monthly snapshot)</li> <li>• Families are provided with timely support to increase engagement. No families are on a waiting list, and all families are allocated 2 days (on average) within a request</li> <li>• Between January 21 and June 21 207 positive outcomes were reported following an FGC or Mediation, positive outcomes included, addressing key areas of concern and preventing escalation (please note multiple positive outcomes can be chosen by families)</li> <li>• Between January – August 2021, 18 Family Group Conferences (with 38 children) have supported families to plan to prevent children or young people coming into care. As of 1 September, 15 of these families have no children in care (34 children).</li> <li>• Between January – August 2021, 10 Family Group Conferences (with 18 children) have supported families to plan to prevent children or young people remaining in care. As of 1st September, 9 of these families have no children in foster care (15 children are placed with parents or kinship placements)</li> </ul>
Caring Dads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 dads are being supported as part of cohort 1 and 2.</li> <li>• Positive impact with one dad stating ‘this is the programme that works’</li> </ul>
Domestic Abuse Support team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The no. of families awaiting a service from the team has reduced from 78 in July 2020 to 10 in July 2021 and no one is waiting for a service longer than 4 weeks.</li> </ul>
Child Exploitation Nurse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved joint working with Sexual Health clinic nurses and other health professionals to ensure more young people attend clinics and appointments to help improve the health and wellbeing of our young people</li> <li>• Supporting specific young people connected to large scale child exploitation operations</li> </ul>
Empowering Families Peer to Peer mentoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This recently was implemented and 1 family has been match with a volunteer and is being supported (August 2021)</li> </ul>
Family Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently implemented and partner practitioners have started their roles and new ways of working underway</li> </ul>

# Children in care and care leavers

Work area	Impact
Life Story Workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>39 life story books have been completed with children in care to help them understand their journey</li></ul>
Special Guardian Order (SGO) support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Improved relational practices and support to carers with 37 children leaving care with a SGO in March 2021, this was an increase from 31 in March 2020. Of these 37, 34 SGOs were made to former foster carers resulting in a financial saving for the service.</li></ul>
Foster care recruitment and retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There has been a high conversion rate of foster care enquires to visits, with 72 visits completed between Sep 20 – Mar 21, compared to 47 visits completed over the same period last year. It is hoped foster care applications will be returned following these visits.</li></ul>

# Workforce, training and programme resource

Work area	Impact
Family Valued Programme - Restorative Practice (RP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In July 2021 Over 400 external partners, including over 200 school staff, have attended RP sessions</li> <li>• Positive feedback from staff and parents, with one parent previously known to the service commenting on how they felt listened to and were being supported to care for their child, and how different the service feels.</li> <li>• In June 21, following the training programme an initial feedback form is completed by attendees, 93% (152/164) of attendees reported that they were very confident or confident that they will use the approaches, tools and techniques they have learned in the session.</li> <li>• In June 21, 6 weeks after their Restorative Practice training sessions 57% (31/54) of attendees reported that the training has improved outcomes for the children and families they work with or care for.</li> <li>• Feedback from children and families remains positive, with average scores during Q1 2020/21 above 4.5 (out of 5) across all four key areas – explanation, planning, listened to and satisfaction.</li> <li>• Increases in the number of children placed with families / friend foster carers (from 122 as at Sept 20 to 130 as at Jul 21) and children placed with parents or persons with parental responsibility (from 56 as at Sept 20 to 96 as at Jun 21) demonstrating improved relational practices and support to families.</li> </ul>
Child Friendly Warwickshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results from a recent survey of children and young people across Warwickshire are being used to help identify key priorities and plan activities</li> </ul>
Programme support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two care experienced young people are supporting the programme and ensure the new work areas are informed where possible from views of children and Families</li> </ul>