

## The Children, Young People and Families Practice Action Group

**Date:** *Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016*

**Time:** *09.30 – 11.00am*

**Place:** *EVOC*

**Present:** Sarah Wade (EVOC, Chair), Danny Holligan (Barnardos), Pattie Santelices (City of Edinburgh Council) Abi Jackson (Broomhouse Centre), Michelle Kirkpatrick (PrePare), Margot MacKenzie (Home Start Edinburgh West and South West), Anne Nixon (Home Start Leith and North East Edinburgh), Paula Swanston (Home Link Family Support), Kara Whelan (Craigmillar Books for Babies), Rhona Hunter (Circle), Gary Dewar (Children 1<sup>st</sup>), Gordon McLean (City of Edinburgh Council), Becky Cropper (Family Solutions), Joan Fraser (EVOC), Helen Purves (City of Edinburgh Council).

**Apologies:** Andy Thomas (Citadel)

### **1. Parenting Framework Update (Pattie Santelices)**

The parenting framework was the focus of the meeting. The Children's Partnership has tasked Pattie with coproducing a parenting framework ready for the next CP meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The group looked at the framework as it currently stands taking each section individually and provided the following feedback:

- The wheel used in the previous parenting strategy is a very useful way of framing parenting work across the City
- In particular, the wheel recognises joint working and ensures that this comes through strongly, something which needs to be embedded in the new framework
- Currently it doesn't feel that ante-natal parenting work is recognised and this is something that the group felt should be explicitly rectified in the new framework. It was felt that the importance of this work should be referred to throughout the framework
- The core values of parenting work start pre-birth, so the section at the beginning on values and principles should mirror this
- It is important that the framework recognises the full range of support available across the partnership
- There was agreement that parenting work should be recognised within the new Children's Services Plan which will be in place for April 2017
- We need to thread GIRFEC through the framework
- There was extensive discussion over ways parents could be involved in shaping services and providing peer support – this included discussion over existing forums and the need for new ways of engaging with parents

The group also discussed whether examples of current services should be included within the document. It was felt that only including some services risked presenting an inaccurate view of what is available across Edinburgh and would not be fair on those services not named. It was agreed that Sarah would work with Helen to map services across the City.

Pattie will take the comments forward and finalise the framework ahead of the Children's Partnership meeting. An update will be provided at the next Network and PAG meetings.

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**2. Family and Household Support Team Update (Becky Cropper)**

*Carried forward to the next meeting*

**3. Volunteer Training Update (Sarah Wade)**

*Carried forward to the next meeting*

**4. AOB**

**5. Meeting Dates in 2016 (10-11.30am unless otherwise stated)**

28<sup>th</sup> January, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> July (9.30-11am), 29<sup>th</sup> September & 24<sup>th</sup> November