

The Children, Young People and Families Practice Action Group

Date: *Thursday 28th January 2016*

Time: *10.00am – 11.30pm*

Place: **EVOC**

Present: Paula Swanston (Home Link Family Support), Sarah Wade (EVOC, Chair) Gary Dewar (Children 1st), Danny Holligan (Barnardos), Marie Anderson (Broomhouse Centre), Michelle Kirkpatrick (PrePare), Judith Woodward (Afasic), Kara Whelan (Craigmillar Books for Babies), Rhona Hunter (Circle), Margot MacKenzie (Home Start Edinburgh West and South West) and Becky Cropper (Family Solutions, minute).

Apologies: Margot Irvine (Aberlour), Andy Thomas (Citadel)

1. Family Support

Gary spoke about having an event for services providing family support as a starting point to developing practice. Looking at:

- What is family support
- Why do we need it
- What are the principles that underpin it
- Is this an opportunity to redefine it

There was a general discussion re family support including:

- The Edinburgh Outcome Framework (Sarah has organised for Gordon McLean and Steff Kaye to attend EVOC Network for further discussion)
- Current funding streams are quite rigid and can prevent services providing family support. (Marie will look at whether we can attend the Scottish funders forum to do presentation on family support)
- Rhona from Circle discussed the 'my world triangle'
- The need for Council staff and 3rd sector to develop joint working
- The need to get representation from the practice teams to join the family support group.

Becky and Sarah will meet up and arrange an event for the 31st March 2016.

2. Volunteer Training Update

Paula gave an up-date on the recent joint training programme, Sarah will circulate summary. Paula has received good feedback about the last set of training. Sarah offered administration support for further training events.

Training on offer for February/March:

Healthy eating
Sleep awareness

Autism
Sexual harmful behaviour
First aid for children

The group all agreed that the joint training has been a worthwhile exercise. Anyone wishing to offer a training session should contact Sarah.

3. AOB

None

4. Meeting Dates in 2016

28th January, 31st March, 26th May, 28th July, 29th September & 24th November
(10:00-11:30am at EVOC)