



**Parenting Update: March 2010**

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Recently a number of initiatives have been put in place to support Children, Parents and Families.

**Based upon the Windscreen of Need:**

**Left Hand Side – Early Intervention**

Sure Start Children Centres  
Parent Support Advisers

**Mid Range:** The CAF process with the Lead Professional

**Right Hand Side – Intensive Support**

**1. Specialist Parenting Practitioners** – hosted by the YISP / YOT Teams.

(a) **South East** – Position pending – contact Neil Connolly or Team Manager Lorraine Frampton

(b) **Rushmoor, Hart, East Hants** – Linda Bolland is currently on Long Term Sick Leave so contact Neil Connolly

(c) **Winchester, Eastleigh, New Forrest** – Tracey Barnes

(d) **Test Valley, Andover, Basingstoke** – Charlotte Tomlinson



## The Parent Support Team Newsletter ...

Approx 50% of Role will be helping Foster Carers - in order to reduce the number of placements a child can experience.

The other 50% will be targeted towards parents who have

- Mental Health Issues
- Substance misuse
- Children at risk of entering the criminal justice system who are in need of more intensive support than YISP can offer.
- Preventative as they come out of YISP at approx 13 and before they enter the YOT system

Other groups under discussion are:

- Domestic Violence
- Learning Disabilities
- Adoptive Parents

**The referral form** can be downloaded from the Parent Support Team Website  
[Website Link](#)

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/families/parentsupport>

**Click on Parenting Practitioners on the LHS,  
Then arrow down to the section on Parenting Specialists**

**Family Intervention Project Workers** – shortly there will be approx 11 across the county and funded through a variety of funding schemes e.g. Youth Crime, Housing, Supporting People, Women Offenders, Anti Social Behaviour etc. Contracts will be short term with a mixture of One Year, One Year plus One and Three Years depending upon the funding source. Keep an eye on Hantsnet for advertisements if interested.

### **Key Worker Role:**

- Works with a max of 6 families at a time
- Intensive – visits families up to 5 times a week
- Out of hours support
- Can work with families up to a year – average is 9 months
- Whole family approach
- Voluntary
- Contract put in place with rewards and sanctions agreed

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**Youth Crime** – focusing on working with families where a parent or sibling is in custody and a child is at risk of offending.

Two have been in place for about 8 months:

**Basingstoke** – Jess Smith

**Rushmoor** – Nadine Darnley

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**Others:**

**Women Offenders** – two to cover East Hants, Hart and Rushmoor

**Supporting Families** - Housing / Antisocial Behaviour – Two for Rushmoor and Hart

**Housing Anti Social Behaviour** etc – One worker for East Hants and Havant

**Intensive Support Service** – provide family support to prevent children becoming “looked after” or where there is a risk of placement break down. The ISS has a number of “Family Type Support Workers” – who work with families intensively for approx 6 to 8 weeks.

**Contact** Team Manager Jan Dallas for a referral which must be made via Social Care

**Discussions** are being held around the need / importance for these practitioners to have the appropriate knowledge, skills, experience and access to the appropriate training and professional supervision – in line with the National Occupation Standards for working with Parents / Families

**Think Family** - is an approach to ensure that families do not fall through any gaps created by the parents being supported by Adult Services and Children being supported by Children’s Services.

Currently there is a project being conducted where 7 families are being interviewed to gather information about what currently works well – best practise and where improvements adjustments need to be made.