



Every Contribution Matters

Every Contribution Matters is a joint project between the East and South East regions voluntary and community sectors that work with children, young people and their families. The work is sponsored by the principal regional agencies that provide support to the sector, including; two DSCF funded programmes (Safe Network and VCS Engage) the two regional umbrella organisations (RAISE and COVER) and both Government offices.

The research began in the late autumn in the eastern region exploring the Be Healthy and Making a Positive Contribution outcomes, the early results have provided the momentum to secure resources to deliver two parallel pieces of work principally in the South East region, namely; Stay Safe and Enjoy and Achieve.

The research's aims are broadly to;

1. Map and articulate the contribution of the sector to Children Trusts and their partners achieving improved outcomes for children, young people and their families.
2. Explain the policy context in which these contributions are made and identifies the performance criteria against which they are assessed.
3. Identify priorities for the sector and its partners whose implementation will help the sector continue to deliver its distinctive contribution to improving outcomes.

The research will be published on 7th June 2010 via widespread dissemination and the relevant websites, its commissioners have also incorporated formal opportunities for contribution and reflection;

South East region: to consult on the early results and feedback at 'Every Contribution Matters' at the Holiday Inn, Guildford on Thursday 28th April. For further information, please call John Slater on 01483 885264 or email: john@raise-networks.org.uk

East of England : To hear first hand the details of the full results of the research at Children Matter East's annual conference at the British School of Racing, Newmarket on Tuesday 15th June 2010. For Further information please call Janice Mossey on 01799 532880 or email Janice.Mossey@Cover-east.org

The Details

The work seeks to provide a catalyst for a realistic post election pre Comprehensive Spending Review dialogue with the sector across both regions based on the Every Child Matters Framework and local Children and Young Peoples Plans. There are some golden threads that run across all of the outcomes, for instance; recording the sectors impact on improved outcomes, the dissemination of case studies and the identification of best practice. The research also looks at some key lines of inquiry, including;

Stay Safe

- Establishing a rationale for the sectors membership of LSCB's.
- Updating the initial Safe Network research specifically in the South East regarding membership of LSCB's, and the availability of professional development linked to the outcome.
- Establishing the position in relation to the sectors inclusion in developing, implementing and delivering CAF led integrated working on the frontline.

Be healthy

- An analysis of the sectors contributions to the Be Healthy based outcomes included in SHA frameworks; Vital Signs and Together for the Best.
- Establishing the level of inclusion of the sector in the design and delivery of Targeted Mental Health in Schools and Aiming Higher for Disabled Children.

Enjoy and Achieve

- Establish the level of inclusion of the sector in the design and delivery of specific programmes where the sector expects and believes it can make a difference such My Place and Playbuilders.

Making a Positive

- Evidence exemplars of the sectors inclusion and collaboration in relation to the delivery of specific programmes such as Family Intervention Projects.
- Reflecting the sectors contribution to three key themes; disadvantage and diversion, intensive intervention, and young people at the centre of communities.

What do you need to do? in addition to signing up for the events the research focuses on a case study approach collecting and reflecting best practice, **so this is an opportunity to get your organisation and its work centre stage.** The project is being led by Justine Henderson from Willoughby's/ETC, Justine and her team can be contacted at 01245 363778 / 07919188998 or willoughbys@mac.com

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