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Newsletter

Promoting Children and Young People's Wellbeing in Worcestershire.
Common Assessment Framework, Lead Professional and Information Sharing.
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Welcome to the November edition of the IWP newsletter. Included in this edition is information about the forthcoming Workshops we are holding in the New Year. You will find information regarding the link between CAF and Early Support and we continue to feedback on CAF statistics, in this edition we have focused on the Lead Professional.

Jessica Glenn, Project Manager

CAF Statistics in Worcestershire as at 1st November 2008

131
recorded queries to CAF Coordinators

88
completed common assessments

Common Assessment Framework Practical Workshops now available!

Have you attended the CAF Practitioner training but have not yet been involved in the process?
Are there parts of the process you feel are unclear and you would like further training?
Are you interested how the common assessment framework is working in Worcestershire?

We are holding Practical Workshops in the New Year where we will look at real examples in more detail. We will look at how the common assessments were initiated, the progression, any issues and how these were addressed, and the outcomes achieved for the child/young person and family.

We will also be reporting on how the common assessment is working in Worcestershire with the latest statistics.

The aims of the workshops are to increase Practitioner knowledge and confidence around using the CAF process.

The workshops will be a two hour session and are available now for booking!

Monday 26th January 2009 - Pershore Civic Centre, Committee Room, 9.30am - 11.30am

Wednesday 25th February 2009 - British Red Cross Conference Room, Worcester - 2.00pm - 4.00pm

To book please email cafrtraining@worcestershire.gov.uk or call 01905 766082

***Please note** - we ask that you have attended the CAF Practitioner training prior to attending the workshops. For information about training dates and venues please visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/iwp and click on the training page, e-mail cafrtraining@worcestershire.gov.uk or contact 01905 766082



CAF and Early Support ... Integrated Working in practice

Early Support is part of the Government agenda to achieve better co-ordinated services for young children with disabilities and their families. The philosophy being to ensure that where a family would benefit from a co-ordinated approach, professionals work with them to jointly devise a plan to support the family and meet the additional needs of the child. Families with a disabled child are particularly likely to face the confusion that comes from having the involvement of a number of professionals. We are currently in the early stages of introducing Early Support into professional practice and ensuring that families are made widely aware of the excellent information and materials that are available in the Early Support 'Family Pack'.

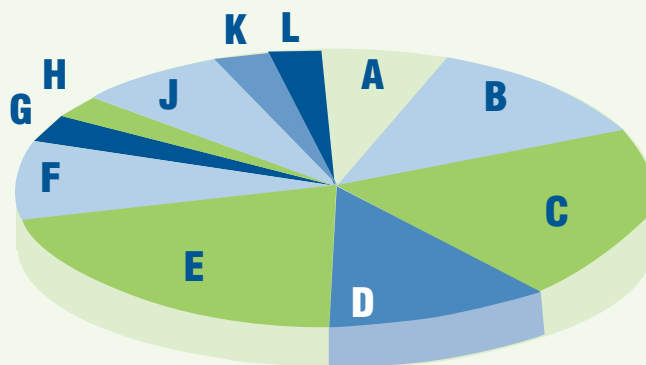
It is the Governments intention that Early Support sits under the umbrella of Integrated Working and for CAF and Early Support to complement each other and adopt a common process. In September, The Integrated Working Programme Board formally agreed that the CAF Project Team and the Early Support Development Group (chaired currently by Chris Parker, Service Development Manager for Children with Disabilities and Complex Health Needs) would work closely together to develop these processes. We are currently researching the training requirements for Early Support and will be rolling this out along side the CAF training.

This is really good news and will hopefully lead to better clarity for professionals and thus a better service for families. Watch this space for future developments.

Lead Professionals (identified at Coordinated Support Meeting) - which agencies are they from?

Agency Category

Category of Agency	Number	%
A - Primary School	4	7.4
B - Middle School	6	11.1
C - High School	10	18.5
D - Voluntary Organisation	7	13.0
E - Children's Services	12	22.2
F - PCT	5	9.3
G - Acute NHS Trust	1	1.9
H - Borough Council	1	1.9
J - Police	4	7.4
K - Pupil Referral Unit	2	3.7
L - Pre-School	2	3.7
Total	54	100



Your area CAF Co-ordinators are:

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Jeff Barnard covers Redditch and Bromsgrove Tel: **01527 556168**

Peter Holland covers Evesham, Pershore, Malvern, Martley and Worcester Tel: **01905 765787**

Your CAF Coordinators will provide you with advice and support when deciding whether a common assessment would be appropriate.

Don't forget to tell your CAF Coordinator if you intend to start a common assessment.

Book your training!

Don't forget to book your CAF training.

We have dates available through to March 09 with further training planned.

There are 3 different training sessions available

- 1 hour Briefing session
- 1 day Practitioner training
- 1/2 day Manager/Supervisor training

For further information on the above courses, or to book places please visit our website

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/iwp

or contact 01905 766082

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Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

For more information on the common assessment framework, lead professional & information sharing you can visit: www.everychildmatters.gov.uk