

Child's Development / Learning

Description

To Support and increase the number of children achieving Good Level of Achievement.

To support families to improve their knowledge and understanding of child development and learning. This will increase positive parenting and build the capacity of families to support their children in achieving positive outcomes. To also identify at an early stage when additional resources and services may be necessary.

Different approaches/programmes/interventions

Foundation Years website

A site to support professionals working with children and families in the foundation years. It is a one stop shop for resources, information and the latest news on the foundation years. Developed collaboratively it brings together information from many sources that will help and support children to develop and flourish.

There is also a section for parents offering on line information and web based resources.

BBC Parenting

On line support offering information and online support and advice for parents. The web based resource covers all subjects and ages, is easy to navigate and use with different age ranges and topics signposted.

Family Lives

A national organisation who can offer support and advice, parents can talk to one of the Family Support Workers through Live Chat, email or call the confidential helpline on 0808 800 2222. Parents can also share experiences and advice with other parents on Forums. Family Lives is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Parents can contact about any family issue, big or small.

Listening, supportive and non-judgemental. The web site has a wide range of information available on all subjects and all ages.

Family Information Zone

The Isle of Wight Family Information Service offering a free information and signposting service for families. FIZ can provide information on a wide range of services, activities and support both local and national.

ACE Education

ACE Education Telephone Adviceline. Independent advice on a wide range of education issues. ACE offer a comprehensive range of advice and information on education issues. Their information is based on current education law and guidance and covers state funded education for children aged 5-16 years in England only. Information is available on line via the web site or by calling a specialist advisor.

The British Association for Early Childhood & Education

Provide support, training, advice & information on best practice for all who are involved in the education and care of young children from birth to eight. Web based resource.

Participation Team

The Participation Team is a service provided by the Isle of Wight Council to support all young people post-16 to participate in education, training and employment. It delivers the following:

- Developing and co-ordinating engagement programmes to support young people to participate in education, training and employment. Current programmes co-ordinated by the team include RON, FEET First, Pre-apprenticeships and Young Volunteers
- Supporting Island businesses. The team supports the Isle of Wight Council apprenticeship programmes and subsidies, and offers a free service for employers to advertise vacancies to young people through it's weekly bulletin – Education, Employment and Training Opportunities Weekly.
- Working with the local community. The team provides a drop-in service for post-16 young people and their parents/carers, with qualified Participation Advisers referring on to local young people services.
- Working with young people who are not in education, training or employment. All post-16 young people who are not currently participating in education, training or employment are provided with a dedicated Participation Adviser to work with them until they are settled into a positive destination.
- Working with vulnerable young people. More intensive personal support is provided for young people with low qualifications and young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.
- Increasing participation. The team provides a range of resources and activities to support this aim. They include a Facebook page, website, weekly Vacancy Bulletin, Choices booklet, annual survey of school leaver's first destinations, a web-based tool to support schools to identify students at risk of not participating,

The face-to-face service for NEET young people is available through a variety of locations across the island. The aim is to bring the service to NEET young people in the area where they live, enhancing access to support for young people, and aligning to the range of newly commissioned youth services across the Island.

Half-day sessions will be available in each of the following locations every week (unless stated):

Newport:	Lord Louis Library and JobCentre Plus
Ryde:	Ryde Library and JobCentre Plus
Freshwater:	West Wight Sports Centre (fortnightly)
Ventnor:	Ventnor Library (fortnightly)
Sandown:	Sandown Library
Cowes:	Cowes Library

To book an appointment for a young person to see one of our Advisers at any of the above locations, please contact us on our new telephone number 823888 – full details are on the Choices website and Facebook page. Alternatively, young people can drop-in to any of the sessions (Adviser will prioritise booked sessions).

In partnership with the schools, the team will also be providing fully qualified and independent Careers Advisers for school pupils to access within the majority of the island's secondary schools in the coming academic year. The following schools will be receiving this service: Ryde Academy, Sandown Bay Academy, Cowes Enterprise College, Carisbrooke College, Medina College, St George's School.

Children's Centres

The core purpose of children's centres is to improve outcomes for young children and their families, with a particular focus on those in greatest need. They work to make sure all children are properly prepared for school, regardless of background or family circumstances. They also offer support to parents. There are nine centres across the Island , Ryde, East Cowes, Cowes, West Newport, East Newport, The Bays (Sandown & Shanklin), Ventnor & West Wight. For further details contact FIZ.

Early Years' Service/s

There are a number of services across the Isle of Wight that focus on 'Early Years' which is usually defined as children up to the age of 5. The aim of these services is to make sure children and their families can access high quality childcare and early education and achieve the best outcomes in life. The Early years Development and SEN Support Services has responsibilities for supporting high quality early years and childcare provisions across the Isle of Wight and also provides the Isle of Wight Portage Service. Portage is a home visiting educational service for families and their pre-school aged children with additional support needs.

Department for Education

All information available from the Government Department for Education is now available through the main Government Web site.

Services available

Isle of Wight

Family Information Zone

Tel 01983 821999

Email: familyinfozone@iow.gov.uk

Web site: www.wightchyps.org.uk

Choices Participation Team

Tel: 01983 823888

Email: educationparticipationteam@iow.gov.uk

Web Site: <http://www.iwight.com/council/OtherServices/Choices/Choices-Centre>

Children's Centres

Tel: 01983 821999

Email: familyinfozone@iow.gov.uk

Web Site: www.wightchyps.org.uk

Early Years' Service/s

Tel: 01983 821000

Web Site: <http://www.iwight.com/Residents/Schools-and-Learning/Early-Years-Service/About-Early-Years>

Nationally

Foundation Years website (0-5)

Contact: <http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/>

For parents: www.foundationyears.org.uk/parents/

BBC Parenting

Contact: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/parenting/>

Family Lives

Contact: Tel: 0808 800 2222

Email: <http://familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/email-support/>

Web Site: <http://familylives.org.uk/>

ACE Education

Contact: Tel: 0300 0115 142

Email: enquiries@ace-ed.org.uk

Web Site: www.ace-ed.org.uk

The British Association for Early Childhood & Education

Contact: Tel: 020 7539 5400

Email: office@early-education.org.uk

Web Site: <http://www.early-education.org.uk/>

Department for Education

Web Site: www.Gov.uk/df