

Sure Start Children's Centres

in Hertfordshire

Conference-

"A children's centre in every community"

"Where to now?"

Welcome by:

Jane Pitman OBE
Lead member for
Children's Services
in Hertfordshire

**Keynote
speakers:**

- **Professor Charles Desforges OBE**
Exeter University
- **Dirk Uitterdijk**
Regional Development
Officer
The Fatherhood
Institute
- **Sue Palmer**
Author, broadcaster
and consultant on the
education of young
children

**Sure Start
Children's Centres**
are transforming
the way services for
families with young
children are provided.



By March 2010, all of Hertfordshire's 82 centres, will be up and running, all offering a range of services for around 64,000 under fives and a network of support for parents.

As well as a networking opportunity, this conference aims to engage partners in thinking about provision of services in the future, i.e. *"Where to now?"*

We need to consider developing further in some of the following areas:

- Engaging with parents, especially fathers and BME groups
- Developing our workforce to meet the challenge of ever changing agendas
- Measuring the impact of what we are doing and shaping services for the future
- Learning from others, on how to focus on the sustainability of services, and looking at provision of services in the rural areas.

Enjoy the conference!



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A one day conference

"Where to now?"

Conference programme

Conference Chair: **Sally Orr – Head of Early Years and Childcare**



- 9.00am Registration – refreshments and networking
- 9.30am Introduction and welcome **Jane Pitman OBE DL**
Lead member for Children's Services and
Chair of the Hertfordshire Children's Trust
Partnership Strategic Stakeholder Group
- 9.40am Engaging with parents **Professor Charles Desforges OBE**
Questions Exeter University
- 10.30am Workshops Session 1
(refreshments en route to breakout rooms)
- 11.30am Workshops Session 2
- 12.30pm Buffet lunch
Access to market place exhibition stands
- 1.30pm Engaging with fathers with **Dirk Uitterdijk**
the child at the centre Regional Development Officer
The Fatherhood Institute
- 2.00pm Workshops Session 3
- 3.00pm Afternoon tea
- 3.15pm Toxic Childhood **Sue Palmer**
Author, broadcaster and consultant
on the education of young children
- 3.45pm Close of day



1

Growing People, Building Teams

How we can continue to develop our workforce

Facilitator: Maggie Walker, Together for Children



2

Managing your money –making the most of your money

Looking at ways of managing your personal finances, with tips and information that could last you a lifetime.

Facilitators: Isabelle Preece and Jan Ferrari, Financial Services Authority



3

Including dads, grandads, step dads and male carers in the mix

How to engage with male carers

Facilitator: Dirk Uitterdijk, Regional Development Officer, The Fatherhood Institute



4

Are we making a difference? Evaluation of services

Measuring the impact of what we are doing

Facilitator: Margaret Hornsby, Policy Consultant

5

Trim Tots – A lifestyle programme for preschool children

Looking at the outcomes of the Great Ormond Street Hospital pilot study on reducing obesity and increasing fitness in under 5's

Facilitator: Sarah Low, Nutritionist & Research Assistant, UCL Institute of Child Health



6

Reaching Out -reaching the rural communities

Focusing on the sustainability of services, venue and transport issues in the rural communities

Karina Irons: Representing Suffolk Children's Centres



7

'ECAT' - Every Child a Talker

Working together on national and local projects to improve communication skills

Facilitator: Megan Wilcox, Senior Early Years Consultant, Hertfordshire County Council



8

'Who's Missing?' Knowing who is in your community

Looking at ways of reaching out to priority and excluded families

Facilitator: Liz Stratton, Early Years Consultant, Hertfordshire County Council



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