



Transition to Independence Invitation to Workshop

The KFCA has announced a new project for 2011 to look at areas where we could improve the Transition to Independence for LAC in Kent. The projects Terms of Reference follow on the next page.

The first step is to meet with foster carers across Kent and collect their experiences and their ideas. Areas we hope to cover include:

- the move to 16+ : timing, process, planning;
- support available to 16 – 18 years old and specifically address problems associated with special needs and disabled children;
- the planned ending of EMA and impact to LAC;
- CAMHS service during transition;
- is enough done to reduce risk of early pregnancy;
- is the work ethos there;
- impact of drugs, alcohol etc.;
- and how can carers prepare the young people.

We will hold 2 short workshops initially with plans for 2 further if required

Lenham Community Centre	Groom Way Lenham, Maidstone ME17 2QT	Tuesday 05 April 2011 10:30 – 12:30
Pfizer Social Club	Ramsgate Road Sandwich CT13 9QL	Wednesday 06 April 2011 10:30 – 12:30

Please come along and contribute to this project.

Together, we CAN make a difference

Transition to Independence Terms of Reference

Some of our LAC find the transition to independence extremely difficult. There are many examples of children not being able to cope; they are vulnerable and often emotionally immature.

Objectives: To examine the processes around the move towards independence, identify the weak points and look for practical and realistic ways to reduce the problems.

Deliverables:

- 1) Four workshops (one in each area) for foster carers to gather information on experiences, problems, successes.
- 2) A report identifying minimum standards, services available, service improvements needed, and preparing the young person for independence. The report will be delivered on the web.
- 3) Meetings with service providers.
- 4) A conference for foster carers covering Transition to Independence.

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