



Newsletter

Promoting Children and Young People's Wellbeing in Worcestershire.
Common Assessment Framework, Lead Professional and Information Sharing.
Visit the website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/iwp

I hope you enjoy reading the July 2008 issue of the Integrated Working Programme newsletter. We are now entering our fourth phase of briefings and training around the common assessment framework. The next stage will be to continue training on a rolling basis throughout Worcestershire and tailor training to the needs of the children's workforce. Do let us know if you require any specific training around using the common assessment, in addition to the training currently offered.

Jessica Glenn, CAF Project Manager

Number of staff across all agencies in Worcestershire briefed and trained so far (as at 1st July 2008):

- 1542** multi-agency staff briefings
- 590** multi-agency staff Practitioner trained
- 90** recorded queries to CAF Coordinators
- 163** multi-agency staff Manager/Supervisor trained
- 42** completed common assessments

The Common Assessment Framework (CAF) - The Experience so far events feedback - sharing good practice in Worcestershire



We have held 4 events for all practitioners and staff working with children and young people. 200 people attended. The events were an opportunity to hear from the CAF Coordinators and practitioners who have used the common assessment process, - the events were a huge success and we have been inundated with requests for similar events in the future.





Feedback on the common assessment process: - sharing good practice:

Julie Millard, Head Teacher

"It really assists in engaging with a family. It isn't any additional work as I need to be working with these families in any case. The common assessment gives a shared consistent approach to working with families."

Helen Stanbra, Home Liaison Support Officer

"I feel the Common Assessment Framework is an effective assessment tool for a holistic approach. The Coordinated Support Meeting becomes a positive, solution focused event."

Neil Grimshaw, Early Intervention Family Support Worker

"I like the solution focus style and that it encourages practitioners to focus on a child's strengths as well as need. The common assessment process has improved multi agency working with more communication and willingness to focus on what can be done rather than simply going over problems."

Overall impact: Better outcomes for children, young people and families.



Left to right: Julie Millard, Helen Stanbra and Neil Grimshaw

Practitioners completing common assessments

Which practitioners/staff have completed common assessments so far?

Community Support Officer; Midwife; Head Teacher; Deputy Head Teacher; Early Intervention Family Support Worker; Home Liaison Support Officer; Playgroup Leader; After School Club Coordinator; Youth Support Manager; Young Carers Worker; Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO); Childcare Development Officer; Education Welfare Officer; Health Visitor.

Remember to let your CAF Coordinator know if you intend to start a common assessment. Your CAF Coordinator will provide you with support and advice around the common assessment process, for contact details please visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/iwp

For further information or to become involved, contact Jessica Glenn, Project Manager

Email: jglenn@worcestershire.gov.uk Tel: 01905 72 8808



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**