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Buchan Local Learning Community Partnership Meeting

**HMP Grampian Family Resource Centre
5 February 2020
10am-1pm**

Present:

Jane Verity	Senior CLW
Daljit Sandhu	EAL Service
Leona Findlay	Buchan Development Partnership
Lynne Gordon	Senior CLW
Jacqui Gray	Session Worker, Community Hub
Di Faithfull	Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer
Vanessa Case	Team Manager, Health and Social Care
Ruth Fowlie	Family Learning Working Group, Mintlaw
Sharon Tulloch	Skills Development Scotland
Angie Millett	Senior Key Worker, EDP
Pauline Robertson	Key Worker, Employment Support Team
Steph Swales	Community Planning Officer
Jared Scott	Employability Officer
Laura Cook	Employability Support Worker
Tracy Siwek	Active Schools Lead Co-ordinator
Kathleen Ramsay	Area Manager, Learning & Skills, SPS, Fife College
Jackie MacPherson	Depute Head Teacher, Peterhead Acadmey
Seada Rodden	Manager, Family Hub
Jen Riach	Regional Support Coordinator, Families Outside

Apologies:

Gerry McCluskey	Depute Head Teacher, Mintlaw Academy
Tess McLean	Skills Development Scotland
Jennifer Noble	Skills Development Scotland
Helen James	Head Teacher, New Pitsligo & St Johns
Agnese Carter	Child Poverty Engagement Worker
Morag Donaldson	Educational Psychology Service
Denise Whyte	Employability Officer
Fiona Clark	Museums Development Co-ordinator
Eilidh Smith	Scottish Prison Service
Tanja Meher	Community Engagement Officer, ADP

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Jane opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. She also gave a quick update on anything outstanding from the last meeting. MVP training that was due to run actually got cancelled, due lack of people. Jane handed over to Jen Riach, Regional Support Co-ordinator, Families Outside.

Jen gave a presentation on Families Outside and what they do. She spoke about how they look at things through a child's point of view, trying to break down taboos. Every child is affected differently from a family member who is in Prison. Families Outside are trying to build resilience and break down the stigma attached to this. Jen spoke about what the consequences of having a parent in prison are. What can schools do to support families? Families Outside run 8 short, specific sessions and use different things to help families cope, eg relaxing oils. They work in conjunction with RGU Sport to give families different opportunities, eg Cinema, meals, Codonas. There are also support groups (through Health Improvement Fund).

GIRFEC was spoken about and it would be useful for Jen to attend the bi-monthly meetings. Contact - Jackie Ashcroft (jackie.ashcroft@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

Jane then gave a Family Learning Presentation which lead to some Group Discussions. Split into 3 groups. First discussion was 'What do we understand Family Learning to be'. Good feedback from all 3 groups – Interacting with children, how to get to places, learning about nature, parents supporting children and talking about importance of education. Adults also need support at home. Parents are role models. Giving children life skills.

What do we mean by Family Learning? Jane presented slides on this. Links are in the handouts.

Second group exercise 'Working with families – roles and responsibility'. Again, good feedback – engaging families, include ALL parents.

Final group exercise 'What helps us to identify good practice in Family Learning' – essential staff training, matched to the right programme, data driven, feedback, overcome barriers.

Jane continued with the presentation. What kind of experiences do people have with family learning partnerships. Jacqui Gray spoke about New Pitsligo. Seada spoke about the Prison Hub (Jen and her working with CLD).



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Di said things change all the time and it is always good to know of someone else we can help.

Discussion on 'Career long professional learning'. What things would people benefit from – ACEs Workshop

Steph Swales was at an Agile Thinking Workshop on Monday. Looking at mindset, way we work, having an open mind. The Council is keen to role this out. Jane to investigate this.

Tracy Siwek spoke about some mental health training.

Di spoke about up-to-date database – 'ALISS'. Info to be given to all.

Sam H is running mention health simplified workshops (free) in Ellon, MacDuff, Fraserburgh.

Discussion – how do we use the Quality Assurance Framework? What evidence would we use – Feedback, statistics, changes in staff, yearly signposting exercise, where have people gone etc.

Di spoke about the difficult engaging with 11-16 year olds in the travellers community. She is looking for any ideas.

Date of Next Meeting – **Wednesday 29 April 2020, 10am-12noon.** Venue to be confirmed.