















Early Help Tool Kit

Useful contacts and links for Early Help Resources and Tools
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Resources/Tools	Description	Contact/Links
What have you considered prior to opening an Early Help	Have you looked at community support, how long have the issues been going on? Is this something you could explore with our Family Advisors for example. Have a look at the link to establish whether Early Help is needed	**Information coming soon**
The 'how to' process of Early Help:	How to identify level of need- Threshold Document	 Thresholds for Intervention.docx
	How to engage with children and families	Engaging with children and families Working with families where engagement is challenging Research in Practice
	What is an Outcome Star	  Family Star 2nd Edition Guidance for \Edition Leaflet for par
	What an EH assessment looks like An early help assessment can be undertaken by any practitioner working with a child, young person, or their family regardless of the area of need.	 Family Star Plus 2nd Edition Star Chart.pdf
	Integrated Front Door- Safeguarding concerns are managed by Integrated Front Door service via the online portal (formerly CHaD) See link to access portal if you are concerned about a child	Children and Families

	What happens next once the referral is received?	 Referral Flow Chart.pdf
	What does a plan look like?	 Family Star Plus Edition 2_Action Plan (
	How to run an Early Help Meeting- An Early Help meeting aims to identify and address potential problems early on, providing support to prevent situations from worsening and promoting positive outcomes for individuals and families. These meetings involve the individual or family, alongside professionals, to assess strengths and needs, identify potential issues, and create a plan for support.	A breakdown on How to run Early Help meetings.docx
	Guide for direct work with children and YP. Link to free resources online to use when completing direct work.	Free social work resources & tools for direct work with children and adults
	Early Help Registration Form	 Early Help Level 2 Reg & closure form 2
Referring to Local Trusted Organisation's Level 2	When you are considering further support from a Local Trusted Organisation a referral form is to be completed and sent through to the relevant Team.	 LTO.referral.docx
Training	Safeguarding, Early Help Outcome Star, Restorative Practice	https://staffsscb.eventbooking.org.uk/events-list?c=397/
	Trauma Informed Approaches	https://inourplace.co.uk/
Safeguarding	Recent documentation relating to communicating with children	Communicating with children: A guide for those working with children who have or may have been sexually abused (second edition)
Parental Conflict	Building Healthy Relationships Team	**Information coming soon**
CCE/CSE-	Completing a Risk Factor Matrix	D14C SOT Risk Factor Matrix Guidance Notes Final May 2016.pdf

	Violence Reduction Alliance have produced information that can be shared with parents and carers around knife harm	Guide for Parents and Carers on Knife Harm - Violence Reduction Alliance
	Referral to Community Drug and Alcohol Service (CDAS)	 Updated-Referral-Form-Professionals-CDAS
	Referral to Youth Offending Team	 Youth_Crime_Prevention_Referral_Form SOT
Groupwork-	The Group Pathway gives an overview for Start for Life and provides what groups can be accessed to enhance parent and carers care and knowledge of their child's growth and development.	 Group pathway.pdf
	Solihull Offer	Free wellbeing online courses in Stoke-on-Trent – inourplace
	Early Life workers	 Free groups for under 5's APRIL 2025.
Family Hubs	Family Hubs- What are they, what support do they offer	 Posters Stoke on Trent Family Hubs.doc
		Digital family hub – Family Hub
Young Carers Team	A young carer is someone age five up to their 18th birthday who regularly provides care and emotional support to a family member (parent, brother or sister, grandparent or other relative) who is physically or mentally ill, disabled or misuses alcohol or drugs.	 Referral Form (4).docx
Community Directory	Online link to what is on offer within Stoke community as well as citywide information	Stoke Community Directory
		 Support Booklet - City Wide - Spring.pdf
		 Youth Booklet.pdf

SEND	SEND Local offer	SEND Local Offer – SEND Local Offer
	SENDIASS- support for parents	Home – SENDIASS
Citywide Effective Practice Co-ordinators	The Effective Practice Co-ordinators work within the Supporting Families service. The team work to embed the Early Help and prevention strategy within Stoke on Trent. The Team offer training, groupwork, quality in practice development and support locality partners in their delivery of whole family Early Help.	Nicola Phillips- nicola.phillips@stoke.gov.uk Rebecca Aldridge- rebecca.aldridge@stoke.gov.uk Jeanette Clarke- jeanette.clarke@stoke.gov.uk Beth Ashmall- Bethany.ashmall@stoke.gov.uk Sue Spencer- sue.spencer@stoke.gov.uk
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