



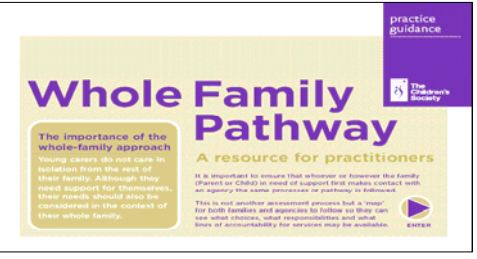
## Working with local authorities – structures and tools to better support young carers and their families



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## Whole Family Pathway



## Key Principles of Practice

- support inter-agency joint practice and vital joint working between adults' services and children's services.
- encourage young carers and families to come forward and self-refer at an early stage.
- support disabled parents' entitlements to assessments and services, including any parenting support needs.
- work towards ensuring that children do not take on inappropriate roles and responsibilities





**Young carers, parents and their families: key principles of practice**  
Supportive practice guidance for those who work directly with, or commission services for, young carers and their families.  
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## Include Partnership



- PRTC / TCS partnership work
- DCSF 3 year funding
- 9 regions/ 9 successful LA's

Nottinghamshire	Bristol
Thurrock	Slough
Wandsworth	Shropshire
Calderdale	Salford
	Northern Region



## Process

- **Work with steering group to develop foundations of support**  
Liase with LA lead and young carers project coordinator to form advisory/steering young carers group (Recommendations for a Multi-Agency Steering Group for Young Carers and Their Families)
- **Strategy and other documents**  
Support the young carers steering group to review or write young carers strategy and action plan; joint protocol b/n Children's and Adults Services; disabled parents strategy
- **Training:** Initial training for professionals in the form of Conference; Twilight education sessions; Training to the safeguarding board

## Templates and Resources

- Templates**  
Young carers Strategy  
Disabled Parents Strategy  
CYPP  
Joint Working Protocol – Adults/Childrens Services
- Job descriptions**  
Local authority lead for young carers and families  
Lead teachers
- PLUS:**  
**Information leaflets**  
**NYCF DVD**



## Bristol: Work Plan

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**Aim** : To ensure that professional workers consider the needs of the whole family when they are information-gathering and providing services

**Objectives**



- To have integrated, **whole-family assessments** completed by social workers in adult and children's settings.
- To provide **joint training** for social workers in adult and children settings.
- To have advice and guidance on '**whole-family**' approaches available to lead professionals who complete **CAF** with young carers and their family

## Thurrock

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- Audit tool
- Guidance paper for head teachers
- Joint assessment training planned
- Aide memoire to accompany and support completion of the CAF with relation to young carer
- Training booked for January for School Leads

## Nottinghamshire

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- Renamed steering group to: Disabled Parents and Young Carers Interagency Group with clear action plan/aims and objectives including ensure disabled parents supported in parenting role
- Link the young carers strategy to Parenting Support Strategy, CAF.
- Links with Adult Social care and Health Business Plan Carer's Strategy/Adult Mental Health Carer's Strategy
- Audit unmet needs of young carers and disabled parents who need support **across** Adult and Children Services




## Wandsworth

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- A post for development worker has been made available from Aiming Higher and Extended Schools budget. This worker will work in schools in raising awareness of young carers and identification of young carers
- Training is to be delivered to the Safeguarding board members and also to 3 clusters




## Shropshire: Work in progress

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- LA lead in place
- Steering group in place
- Conference: 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2009




## What have you got in your area?

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