

# E-LINKS

ISSUE 3

Dear Member

News bulletin is produced fortnightly and is designed to keep you up-to-date with the latest developments in children and family policy.



In this edition you will find the following:

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If you have any news or information that you would like to share in the E-Bulletin please email [membership@childrenlinks.org.uk](mailto:membership@childrenlinks.org.uk)

**Committed to improving the quality of children's, young people's and families' life experiences**



Children's Links is part of Communities Together which is a five year project funded by the Big Lottery Fund. The aim of the project is to provide support and training to small groups, village halls and community buildings throughout Lincolnshire, and to help both new and existing community groups to develop.

We are one of five partners, whose organisations are able to provide a variety of specialist advice, training and support, they are:- Community Lincs, Age Concern, Children's Links, Lincolnshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services (LCVYS) and Groundwork Lincolnshire.

Children's Links are providing free training events relevant to working with children and young people:- Fun with Books, Grandparents Can Play Too, Traditional Play, Listening to and Consulting with Children, Health and Safety when Working with Children, Risk and Challenge. These are planned in a rolling programme over the 5 years in a variety of locations right across Lincolnshire.

The first of these are:

**'Fun with Books'** in Spridlington Village Hall on 23d March 09:30-13:30

**'Grandparents Can Play Too'** in Hemingby Village Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> March 09:30-13:30

If you would like to attend one of the events, but are concerned about how you will get there, Community Lincs can provide advice and information on travel services and schemes in your area.

### How can you get involved?

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### Child safety comes out top in NHS Baby LifeCheck website

**The *Keeping your baby safe* section of the new online tool, to which CAPT contributed, has attracted the highest number of unique users since its launch, proving that parents and carers see safety as a priority and actively seek up-to-date safety advice.**

**NHS Baby LifeCheck** – [www.nhs.uk/babylifecheck](http://www.nhs.uk/babylifecheck) – is a free, easy to use and confidential online service from the NHS. It helps parents and carers with babies aged 5-8 months answer important questions about their baby's development.

### Visit a whole series of lifecheck websites:

[www.nhs.uk/lifecheckers](http://www.nhs.uk/lifecheckers)



### Behavior in schools

The Department for Children, Schools and Families has announced that parents will be asked to sign up to school policies on behavior, attendance and uniform when they apply for a school place. Proposed changes mean schools' policies will be brought to the attention of parents before they apply for a place and will form part of the application process.



### Play and disabled children

The Playwork Inclusion Project (PIP) has published a new briefing that focuses on practical examples and case studies of disabled children and young people accessing outdoor play drawn from PIP seminars and National Inclusive Play Network members.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.kids.org.uk/information/100428/100623/100836/briefings>



### Children in care speak out

Three reports produced recently by the Children's Rights Director for England, Dr Roger Morgan, reveal children's experiences and view of the care system.

*The Children's care monitor 2009*, the second national annual survey of its kind, gives a first-hand account of the experiences of 1,195 children living in foster homes, children's homes, boarding schools, residential special schools, and residential further education colleges. Views were also taken from care leavers living independently in their own home (such as a flat or bedsit) and children who were getting social care support while living at home with their parents or with other relatives. To read further visit: <http://ofstednews.ofsted.gov.uk/article/550>



### YogaBugs

Has your Children's Centre, Nursery or School got the bug yet?

A fun and creative way to improve your child's strength and flexibility, whilst stretching their imagination through storytelling, and helping them to relax.. To find out more email: [lynn@yogabugs.com](mailto:lynn@yogabugs.com) or visit [www.yogabugs.com](http://www.yogabugs.com)



### [CWDC to take over responsibility to support the parenting workforce](#)

From 20 March 2010 CWDC will be taking over responsibility for supporting those who work with parents from the National Academy for Parenting Practitioners (the parenting academy). [http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/news/3119\\_cwdc-to-take-over-responsibility-to-support-the-parenting-workforce](http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/news/3119_cwdc-to-take-over-responsibility-to-support-the-parenting-workforce)



A clearer and more consistent system of childcare funding, which will benefit children and families across the country, has been announced for 56 local authorities who will implement the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF), Children's Minister, Dawn Primarolo announces.

56 local authorities will be invited to join the pathfinder programme from today, ahead of the full rollout in April 2011. The EYSFF will provide a more transparent basis for childcare funding and will mean that local authorities will be able to manage the funding of childcare providers in their area according to local priorities and need.

This will ensure that they are better able to implement the free childcare entitlement for three and four year olds - which will be extended from 12.5 hours to 15 hours per week in September 2010. The new offer aims to ensure all children get the best possible start in life, regardless of background or income, by providing families with easy to access, high quality early learning and childcare that is flexible to their needs. For further information and to view the local authorities invited to join the pathfinder programme please read the full [press release](#). On the website: <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/news-and-communications/news/22022010ni56localareastobepathfinders/>



### Online safety

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has launched a new internet safety campaign called 'Click Clever, Click Safe'. The campaign launch comes alongside a new survey of young people which shows that many parents still aren't talking to their children about internet safety; and yet the average 6-14 year old communicates with more than 1,100 people online in a year.

Parents are also being encouraged to remember the digital code 'Zip It, Block It, Flag It', via new radio, press and poster advertising which will use specially created characters to highlight how risky behaviour online can have consequences for young people.:

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/news-and-communications/news/09022010niinternetsafetycampaignlaunched/>



**CWDC Share!** Profiles projects that help illustrate effective integrated working across the children and young people's workforce. Share! Projects do this by sharing real life stories, innovations and solutions.

The past two years have been an inspirational and Share! Remains a popular resource for many practitioners and managers and have spent time with some exceptional children, young people and families, who have told us their stories with passion and conviction. This year's Share! Projects have each focused on a different arc of the One Children's Workforce Framework. These stories will help all of us see how we can meet the arcs in imaginative ways and move closer to an integrated, reformed workforce. They are quite literally 'painting the rainbow'.

For more information please call 0113 244 6311 or visit [www.cwdcouncil.org.uk](http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk)

### Share Street

Share Street is your new online community where you can connect with everybody who works with children and young people, share resources and be inspired.

[www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/sharestreet](http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/sharestreet)



## Forthcoming Events:

**Collaboration Workshop for Children's Services organisations (primarily Community Voluntary Sector organisations)**

**16 March 2010**  
10.00 – 14.30  
At YMCA, I.C.C., 61b Mansfield Road,

**Workforce Development Roadshows:**

**19th March 2010**  
13.00 - 15.30  
Kenwick Park Hotel, Louth, LN11 8NR

**22nd March 2010. Morning roadshow**  
9.30– 12.00  
Oak House, Witham Park, Waterside South, Lincoln LN5 7FB

**22nd March 2010. Afternoon roadshow**  
13.00—15.30  
Oak House, Witham Park, Waterside South, Lincoln LN5 7FB

**A Roadshow for Members of the Private, Voluntary and Independent Children's Services Sector.**

Delivery of '**Food for Thought**' course/sessions in **South Holland** to parents, to help promote Healthy Eating especially tailored around the recommended 5 a day consumption to enable families to make better informed dietary choices with practical sessions on healthy eating looking at ways to incorporate this into your budget are being held at:

**Holbeach Children's Centre, 9.30-11.30**  
**Spalding Children's Centre 12.45-14.45**  
**Sutton Bridge Children's Centre 9.30-11.30**

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**Safeguarding Training, Third Sector Information Event.**

**Wednesday 24th March 2010**  
9.30 -12.30  
At Nottingham Voluntary Action Centre, 7 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3FB

**Monday 26th April**  
10.30 -13.00  
At Greens Norton Community Centre, Towcester Road, Greens Norton, **NN12 8BL**

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