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public health collaborative service

working together to improve health and
wellbeing in Cheshire & Merseyside

0-5 transformation of children's public health services – towards a definition of school readiness

Thursday 21 May 2015

09.00 registration

09.30 start – 1.00pm close

Halliwel Jones Stadium, Warrington, WA2 7NE

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Aim

This event builds on the work to date in ensuring maximum impact is made of the revised Healthy Child programme and the transfer of 0-5 public health responsibilities to Local Authorities. It will give an opportunity for multi-disciplinary colleagues across Cheshire & Merseyside to come together and agree the attributes of school readiness which can be used as the basis for a definition for all professionals and parents in terms of preparing children for school, identifying need and prioritising interventions, aimed at addressing these needs.

Event Outcomes

To create an awareness of the school readiness agenda

To give an opportunity for colleagues across children's services to come together and share ideas

To develop a common vision to enable collaboration going forward

To agree attributes/characteristics of school readiness

To gain agreement that colleagues will champion the agreed definition in local areas

Who should attend?

Health visitors, early years professionals, early years head teachers, senior practitioners and other managers who are working in children's health and education.

Draft Programme – Towards a definition of school readiness

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| 9.00 am | Registration & refreshments |
| 9.30 am | Introduction and welcome from the Chair: Margaret Carney, Chair of Cheshire & Merseyside 0-5 Strategic Leadership Transformation Group, Lead CEO of Champs Public Health Collaborative and Chief Executive of Sefton Council |
| 9.35 am | The journey so far – Liz Gaulton, Lead Director of Public Health of Cheshire & Merseyside 0-5 Strategic Leadership Transformation Group and Director of Public Health of St Helens Council. |
| 9.45 am | Brain development video |
| 9.50 am | Early public health intervention in Cheshire & Merseyside – Alison Burton, Public Health England (TBC) |
| 10.05 am | Family fun and school success – study in Wirral commissioned by Rt Hon Frank Field MP and conducted by the University of Cambridge – Dr Naomi White, Centre for Family Research & Psychometrics Centre, University of Cambridge |
| 10.20 am | The gap and the prize - Dr Lesley Curtis OBE, Head teacher, Everton Nursery School and Family Centre |
| 10.35 am | Sefton's School Readiness Framework – Olive Carey, Head of Service, Early Intervention & Prevention, Sefton Council |
| 10.45 am | Speaker Q&A session |
| 11.00 am | Break & refreshments |
| 11.15 am | Group work – The flourishing child – what attributes should a child have to make the most of school from day one? |
| 11.45 am | Feedback – What are the top three attributes and why? |
| 12.15 pm | Prioritising the attributes that will form our definition in Cheshire & Merseyside |
| 12.45 pm | Next steps towards developing and implementing our definition |
| 12.55 pm | Closing remarks from the Chair |
| 1.00 pm | Close |

Please note:

Programme is subject to change

No lunch will be provided although you are welcome to bring your own lunch to the event

Presentations will be available on the Champs website following the event

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