

TEAM AROUND THE FAMILY SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2018



Family Information Service New Website is going LIVE



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Sir Gaerfyrddin
Family Information Service
Carmarthenshire

The Carmarthenshire Family Information Service is very excited to launch their **new FIS website** after 6 months in development. The new website will have a soft launch this month. It is fully compatible with mobile and tablet devices and it's more interactive and user friendly to fully meet the needs of Carmarthenshire families. Keep an eye out for promotional video clips of Family Support Services which will feature on the new website very shortly. Team Around the Family have their own section on the FIS website; this includes pages for parents/carers and for professionals. For TAF keyworkers there will be a Resources page (which you can log in to with a password) and a training page with details of all current training courses. Check out the new website www.fis.carmarthenshire.gov.uk live from 1.6.18.



NEW TAF CO-ORDINATORS

KELLY WOOD:

"I recently joined the team as TAF co-ordinator, prior to taking up the role I was Housing Officer with the Authority for over 5 years. I worked closely with tenants enabling them to maintain their tenancies and resolve issues such as rent arrears, benefit changes and investigating anti-social behaviour. Effective working relationships were established with partners such as the police, Family Housing & Gwalia and I look forward to developing these relationships further. I am looking forward to using the knowledge gained during my career in Housing to support families that are accessing TAF services."

GAYNOR WILLIAMS:

Gaynor joined the team on 16th April 2018, she has been working for the last 9 years as a Duty Officer in the Central Referral Team. Prior to this Gaynor worked as Child Protection Case Conference Minute Taker and Welfare Assistant for Next Step Team. In addition to the Local Authority she has also worked as a Veterinary Assistant and Personal Secretary in a Legal practice and therefore has had vast experience of dealing with members of the public. Gaynor is looking forward to her new post within TAF and the new challenges that it will present.

INFORMATION FROM HEFIN ON THE POST 16 YOUTH WORK TEAM:

Identify and support vulnerable young people (16-25), including those who are NEET, leaving care, known to Youth Justice, have accommodation issues or require a TAF.

Work with vulnerably young people on an individual and group basis.

Deliver a range of personal support for families and young people to tackle multiple barriers to entry into education, employment and training.

Enable and support progression to education, employment and training.

Drop-ins open to young people (16-25) across the county:

- **Carmarthen: Tuesday @ Dr.Mz Youth Project 12-4pm.**
- **Llanelli: Wednesday @ Bwlch Youth Centre 2-4pm**
- **Ammanford: Wednesday @ Streets Youth Project 1-4pm**

The team work throughout Carmarthenshire in a range of venues where there is access to young people e.g Youth Centres, Job Centres and Voluntary Sector Venues.

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SYSTEMIC TRAINING

TAF arranged two 3 day training sessions in March to introduce Systemic thinking to Key Workers. The evaluation of the training was very positive and a number of themes identified for further reflection.

Many thanks to John Woolner for the training. We will be building on the training in forthcoming workshops. The first of these is on April 10th 2018, 9.15am to 12.30pm at St Davids Park. Further workshops will be held every other month. Please contact Carys for further details on 01267 246555 or email: carys@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

“Just want to thank you for the amazing training this week. Learnt so much that I will be using it in my practice. I am definitely more curious”

SIAN DENMAN - ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Dates for Systemic Workshops

10/04/2018	Room 5 PDS	9:00am – 1:00pm
12/06/2018	Room 5 PDS	9:00am – 1:00pm
07/08/2018	Room 5 PDS	9:00am – 1:00pm
16/10/2018	Room 8 PDS	9:00am – 1:00pm
11/12/2018	Room 5 PDS	9:00am – 1:00pm

Direct Work/ Interventions for Practitioners

08/05/2018	Room 6 PDS	9:00am – 1:00pm
10/07/2018	Room 5 PDS	9:00am – 1:00pm
18/09/2018	Room 5 PDS	9:00am – 1:00pm
13/11/2018	Room 5 PDS	9:00am – 1:00pm

10 Intervention guides

The 'Hope for the Children Programme' is a comprehensive set of resources for assessment, analysis and intervention written by the Child & Family Team at Tavistock Centre, London. It is a series of guides containing a step by step approach to intervention and worksheets. The guides were developed using evidence based approaches, with clear outcomes.

The resources are intended to empower children, young people and their families and practitioners working together, building on strength and overcoming difficulties.

Successful change is evidenced through the improved wellbeing of children and young people. Only when at least one key worker in an agency has completed the training outlined above the agency will be given a set of guides to use with families. The next training will be held on 10th July 2018.

Introduction & Overview

- Engagement and goal setting
- Modifying abusive and neglectful parenting
- Promoting children and young people's health, development and wellbeing
- Promoting attachment, attuned responsiveness and positive emotional relationships
- Promoting positive parenting
- Working with children and young people: Addressing emotional and traumatic responses
- Working with children and young people: Addressing disruptive behaviour
- Working with families.
- Working with child sexual abuse

These guides will be linked to the new developments of the JAFF

(If you have any information/news to you would like to include in the TAF newsletter - contact Linda on 01267 246555 or e-mail: lewilliams@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)