

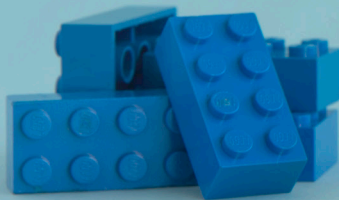
The Early Help Approach in Kent

Making Kent a county that works for all children



Principles

1. Building on families' existing resources with a culture of high aspiration and empathy



2. Building family wellbeing and resilience that leads to sustainable change



3. Listening to the voice of children, young people and families and using their voice to shape our support



4. Joining up services to support families at the right time and in the right place, with a focus on reducing transitions

Practice

- Practice Framework
- Strengths-based approaches
- Whole Family Working
- Models to support children and young people inside and outside of the home
- Quality Assurance - a learning culture
- Workforce Development - whole system
- Continuous Improvement and Innovation

Delivery

- Universal and Targeted support through Children's Centres, Youth Hubs, Schools and VCS
- Intensive Early Help support through Early Help units and Adolescent Early Help units
- Partnership working at all levels of support
- Community response to supporting children, young people and families
- Developing system-wide Early Help skills and understanding

The Early Help System in Kent

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Children's Centres (universal and focused support)	HeadStart Kent (wellbeing and emotional resilience)	Schools and Colleges	Early Years Providers
Youth Hubs (universal and focused support)	Integrated working with SEND and Disabled Children's Services	Police	Partnership Projects e.g. Violence Reduction Unit, Serious Youth Violence
Inclusion and Attendance Service	Local Children's Partnership Groups	Kent Safeguarding Children Multi-Agency Partnership	Commissioned Services
Adolescent Service (integrated adolescent support model)	Community Safety	Adolescent Mental Health Services	Voluntary and Community Sector
Early Help Units and Adolescent EH Units (intensive support)	Youth Justice (specialist support)	District & Borough Councils (e.g. Housing)	Acute Health Services (CCGs, Hospitals)
Integrated working with Children's Social Work services	Integrated working with Adult-facing services	DWP and Job Centre Plus	Community Health (GPs, health visiting, midwifery, school nursing)

