

What parents and carers in Newcastle told us

“What helps us helps our families and our communities” - Natalie Morton

“We can make a valuable contribution to Children’s Services by using this training to develop services for our families. I would say to all parents - get involved, have your say!” - Adeyeye Iseoluwa

“I totally recommend this course to other parents and carers who want to find out about services for families - this course has opened my eyes to all sorts of new opportunities.” - Michelle Smith

“Participation is a great way to get parents and carers involved and I look forward to seeing how I can help Newcastle Children’s Services develop family-friendly services.” - Winifred Fashanu



Your family... Your community... Your voice...



If you want to find the right training that will help you have your say about services in your area contact:

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It all starts with families... and communities

Parents and carers participated in the first training course in Newcastle designed for them to help them gain confidence and find better ways of working with Children's Services. Children's Services teamed up with Northumbria University and Healthworks Newcastle to give parents and carers a chance to get their voices heard.



Parents and carers learned how they could influence services on the course and found out ways of telling professionals what matters to their families. The training enabled them to:

- Gain confidence.
- Learn how to influence Children's Services.
- Find ways to tell professionals about what matters to them and their families.
- Work with other parents on a project to research issues in their community.
- Identify ways to overcome the barriers to getting involved in their area.
- Gain an Open College qualification.



Would you like to get involved? Would you like to participate in developing services for your family?



Here are some of the reasons why you should get involved:

- Some parents are now employed by Children's Services.
- Parents and carers have joined school governing bodies and are working with their local primary schools as volunteers.
- Parents and carers put forward their priorities for the Newcastle Plan for Children and Young People 2010 - 2013.
- Some parents and carers have been on selection panels for Children's Services.
- Parents and carers have supported many Children's Services initiatives as volunteers - these parents and carers are a valuable resource as we take forward the Children's Services plans for families in Newcastle.



Do you want to get involved in consultation and shaping better outcomes for families? See over leaf to get in contact and get started!