



Parents as Early Education Partners

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Welcome to the 18th PEEP News Up-date

A development up-date each term

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Welcome to the latest PEEP news up-date for professionals, which will inform you of project developments, opportunities for involvement and multi-agency training. If you have any queries or would like to arrange a meeting or team talk, please contact:

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It is going to be a challenging time ahead for services facing budget cuts and restructuring. Unfortunately PEEP has felt the impact of this and several practitioners have not been able to continue delivering the programme. Although it is a huge loss for PEEP and our families to lose such experienced practitioners it does open up the possibility for new partnerships and for work to be developed in other areas. If you would like to become involved with PEEP please see across the page and on Page 2 for training event details.

How can PEEP support your work with families?

The PEEP Programme is a well researched, evidence based programme which offers a positive and flexible approach to work with families. The programme works in partnership with parents and carers to support children's learning and development giving them a flying start. The focus is on language skills, literacy and numeracy with the building of self esteem and positive attitudes towards learning to encourage both adults and children to become lifelong learners. The programme can be delivered universally or offered as a choice to targeted groups as well as on an individual basis.

PEEP is an early intervention programme which can support outcomes for family learning, public health, family support, early education and parental involvement.

PEEP can support work with families across services by:

- Breaking down barriers and promoting positive relationships between workers and parents
- Providing opportunities for parental involvement
- Supporting positive relationships between adult and child – bonding and attachment – positive mental health
- Providing high quality support to families - professional and peer support
- Providing information and ideas to families to build parenting skills and knowledge
- Providing opportunities for lifelong learning
- Enabling workers to manage workloads and time effectively by providing opportunities to see several families within a group setting

PEEP can be a protective risk factor

If you would like further information or are interested in being involved in PEEP please contact the Co-ordinator or see training information overleaf

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PEEP for Practitioners Two - Day Training

Wed 1st and Thurs 2nd Dec '10

Closing date Fri 29th Oct 2010

Peep for Practitioners multi-agency training is for those who wish to develop group work or individual work with families and who would like to work in partnership with other agencies using the Peep programme.

Help to facilitate partnerships is offered along with support to set up groups or home programmes. There are professional development opportunities available which can contribute to SSSC post registration training and learning requirements. The newest is a City & Guilds unit which is part of a Level 3 Award in Work with Parents. There is also a further option to extend practice through University Accreditation at either undergraduate or master's level.

Training is free to Aberdeen City applicants but a commitment to developing PEEP is expected. Costs for other applicants are available on request. If you are interested in partnership working and would like more information, the Co-ordinator would be happy to meet and discuss any aspect with you or your team.

For applications or enquiries please contact:

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Parent Accreditation

Congratulations to all the parents and carers who have successfully gained SQA accreditation this year. We had 7 who completed the Introduction unit in March and 15 who completed either the Baby or Toddler units in June.

They have all produced some wonderful portfolios of their children which will be a lasting keepsake to look back on.

Some hope to continue with their learning and start a Child Development course which is being run by the Worker's Educational Association.

PEEP DVD Launch

Our DVD project is almost completed and we hope to have the finished DVD by September. Parents and carers have been involved in the whole process having been trained and supported by Station House Media Unit in Aberdeen to do the filming, sound, interviewing and also some of the editing. Parents and children from PEEP groups across Scotland have contributed by agreeing to be filmed and interviewed. We hope to have a launch event so look out for details.

PEEP GROUPS FOR AUTUMN 2010

Baby (0-12 months)	One's (1-2 years)	Two's (2-3 years)	Three's / Four's	Other Groups Citywide
Mastrick Clinic – Fri 10-11am Rosemount Community Centre – Thurs 1.30-2.30pm Tillydrone Community Flat – Fri 1-2pm St Katherine's Centre, Shoe Lane – Fri 10.30-11.30am Ashgrove Children's Centre – Tues 1.30-2.30pm Deeside Family Centre Tues 10-11am St Mary's Church, King Street – Thurs 9.30-10.30am	Williamson Family Centre – Fri 10-11am Tillydrone Community Flat – Wed 1-2pm Kincorth Community Centre - Wed 1.15-2.15pm Seaton Community Project – Tues 9.30-11am Hazlehead Community Wing – Fri 10-11am	Sheddocksley Baptist Church – Tues 1.15-2.15pm Tillydrone Community Flat – Mon 1-2pm Tulloch School – Wed 12.30-1.30pm	Kirkhill School - Wed 1.30-2.30pm Sunnybank School – Thurs 1-2pm	Home Programmes (limited availability, on request) <u>Support to drug-using parents:</u> (by referral) Antenatal - next 6 week block starting 25 th Aug (call for details) Postnatal baby – Weekly on Weds 11-12.00 at YMCA

Most groups run during school term time and families can join at anytime. For further info contact Jill Mennie Tel. 01224 486114 or email jmennie@aberdeencity.gov.uk