

AIMING HIGH FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

PARENT CONSULTATION DAY
JANUARY 20TH 2010



PARENT CONSULTATION EVENT LANDGUARD MANOR SHANKLIN, ISLE OF WIGHT

09.30	Arrival and coffee. Registration.	
10.00	Start. The Aiming High Short Breaks Programme - key developments to date	Roger Vandevelde Project Lead for Inclusion
10.15	<u>Workshop 1</u> - please follow signage	
11.15	Coffee break	
11.45	<u>Workshop 2</u>	
12.45	How to improve children and young people's advocacy	Lizzie Streeter Children's Society
13.05	Lunch	
14.00	Plenary: What to look forward to in 2010/11	Moira Henderson Short Term Breaks Implementation Officer
14.10	Prize draw	Roger Vandevelde
14.15	Close	

AIMING HIGH FOR DISABLED CHILDREN - VISION

- Transform services for disabled children and young people and their families
- All families with disabled children to have the support they need to live ordinary family lives

Parent/Carer Involvement In ...

- Strategic decision-making about service provision
- Developing services to create responsive services that work for families

Definition of Short Breaks

- **Emphasis on positive activities and outcomes**
- **Not targeted at families in crisis**
- **Can be inside and outside home**
- **Could be a few hours or a number of overnights**
- **Must be accessible ...**
- **... across Children's Services, leisure, parks, culture and the arts**

Improving Quality

- More cash for increased short break provision
- Child care accessibility project
- Better access to equipment and wheelchairs
- Improve workforce skills

What's happened so far?

- More awareness of disability across partners
- Better communication
- Networking and input from parents' groups
- Aiming High website and newsletter
- Conference to consult parents, providers and professionals
- Askability sign/symbol website
- Children's Society support with children's advocacy

Use of funding for ...

- More overnight stays and tea visits
- Learning Disability Nurse for outreach and training from Beaulieu
- Better equipment and facilities for disabled children
- More childcare in the holidays
- Pilot play schemes from YMCA and Funky Friends
- Extra carers for Family Link
- More short breaks and home-based care from Carisbrooke Clatterford Centre
- Better data collection to improve services

Why the workshops?

- Keep on consulting with parents
- Remove barriers to accessing services for disabled children
- Ensure money is spent on what parents want



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