GOOD PRACTICE IN SCOTLAND
Learning from examples verified as Good Practice in Inspections

Friday 1st June 2012
9.30am – 4pm

Venue: Caird Building, University of the West of Scotland, Hamilton Campus, ML3 0JB

The focus of BASPCAN Scotland’s 2012 National Conference, is to examine and learn from projects identified and commended during recent inspections of child protection services across Scotland. These projects, some well established, all innovative, support a wide range of vulnerable children, young people and their carers.

Projects:  Bounce Back (Perth and Kinross)
           Young Runaways (Central Scotland Police)
           Parents as Early Education Partners (Aberdeen City)
           @Scott Street (Perth and Kinross)
           Archway  (Glasgow City)
           Link-Up Initiative (Angus)

Speakers: Representative from the Care Inspectorate
           Beth Smith – MARS

Cost - £95 per delegate

Discount rate for students - £45
(Limited to first 40 applicants)

Conference will incorporate AGM for BASPCAN members 1.30pm – 2pm
BOUNCE BACK – PERTH AND KINROSS

A growing body of evidence demonstrates the important role that schools can play in the development of resilience in children and young people. This role includes the provision of a protective environment which can give young people a sense of belonging, connectedness and purpose, and the opportunity to develop close relationships with both adults and peers, but can also provide a context for teaching positive habits of thought and coping skills for facing life’s challenges.

Bounce Back is a whole school, cross curricular programme for primary schools, aimed at developing children’s resilience and therefore, their ability to cope with setbacks and negative life experiences that they encounter. It has been extensively evaluated within Perth and Kinross by the Educational Psychology Service and shown to have a positive effect on wellbeing and children’s sense of belonging. The impact shown in this research on the connectedness and resilience of pupils, as well as the resilience and wellbeing of teaching staff has confirmed the potential of this programme for future generations in Scotland. If teachers-educators can help children learn coping skills for life by modelling an optimistic, resilient outlook on life and sharing a message of hope for the future, then their positive influence on children and young people can only strengthen the resilience of the adults of tomorrow.

YOUNG RUNAWAYS – CENTRAL SCOTLAND POLICE

This is a new service provided by Central Scotland Police and managed by the Police Young Runaway Co-ordinator, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children or young people who have run away. The Police and other organisations work together to offer early intervention, to prevent further episodes.

One in nine Scottish children run away before the age of sixteen. One in five Scottish children run away before the age of eleven. By running away, a young person may be placing themselves or others at risk of harm.

Central Scotland Police work with other organizations to do whatever they can to try to give young people the help they need to sort out the issues which have caused them to run away and prevent this from happening again.

PARENTS AS EARLY EDUCATION PARTNERS (PEEP) – ABERDEEN CITY

Parents as Early Education Partners (PEEP) is an early intervention programme. It aims to build parenting capacity by empowering parents and carers to feel more confident in supporting their children’s learning and development.

The focus is on language skills, literacy, numeracy, building self esteem and positive attitudes to lifelong learning. PEEP offers a structured programme including: groups, one to one programmes, and focussed applications for families with similar needs or circumstances. Parents/carers also get the opportunity to enhance their learning through SQA accreditation, which can open pathways to future employment.
@SCOTT STREET – PERTH AND KINROSS

@ Scott Street is an innovative new facility in Perth City Centre, which co-locates a range of service providers in a vibrant, youth friendly location. The shared space incorporates elements from Social Work, Housing, NHS Tayside and specialist partner provision such as Drug and Alcohol workers and staff from Skills Development Scotland.

Fronted by a youth work approach to engagement, this facility is reaching an incredible range of users, but is particularly relevant to our most vulnerable young people and is able to customise support to their individual needs. Transition from one support agency to another is seamless and undertaken in seconds, without paperwork.

This unique facility is helping young people build the skills and confidence to address the issues that have led to a chaotic lifestyle, and have been preventing them from progressing towards a more positive situation which includes, seeking employment.

ARCHWAY – GLASGOW CITY

Archway is Scotland’s only SARC (sexual assault referral Centre) providing forensic, medical, support and advocacy to individuals, 13yrs and above, who have been sexually assaulted within the preceding 7 days.

It is funded by Strathclyde Police, NHS GG&C and Glasgow City Council, and provides services 24/7 and hosted as Sandyford central sexual health services in Glasgow.

Archway aims to improve the various aspects of management through enhanced partnership, working between Strathclyde Police, NHS, Glasgow City council and the Voluntary Sector.

Archway was awarded a Glasgow Child Protection Committee award for multi-agency working with adolescents complainers of sexual assault in 2011.

LINK-UP INITIATIVE – ANGUS

The Angus Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and Child Protection Committee identified a need to seek innovative solutions to respond to the complex problems faced by children affected by parental substance misuse (CAPSM).

Utilising the skills and expertise of a range of professionals, the Link-Up Initiative (A ‘Getting It Right’ learning partner) assisted in developing practice around the identification, support and protection of CAPSM. A ‘practice model’ was developed which embraced the needs of these children, whilst simultaneously recognising the needs of their parents for specialist support in relation to their use of drugs or alcohol.

Key learning from Link-Up has resulted in the development of a SHANARRI based, outcomes tool which helps identify the impact of effective intervention.
PROGRAMME

09.30 – 10.00  Registration

10.00 – 10.10  Welcome from the Dean of Faculty, University of the West of Scotland

10.10 – 10.30  Keynote #1
The Care Inspectorate - ‘Inspection of Children's Services: Its role in developing Good Practice’

10.30 – 11.00  Keynote #2
‘Beth Smith, MARS - Enabling practitioners to share and develop good practice across Scotland’

11.00 – 11.20  Coffee

11.20 – 12.10  Workshop 1

12.10 – 13.00  Workshop 2

13.00 – 14.00  Lunch (AGM for Members)

14.00 – 14.50  Workshop 3

14.50 – 15.40  Workshop 4

15.40 – 16.00  Closing Remarks

16.00  Close of Conference
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