

What can Childminding Networks offer Teenage Parents

Teenage parents get support from a Network Co-ordinator who will discuss any concerns they have about childcare.

Ensures a smooth transition for the child in the chosen childcare setting.

They will also act as a mediator if there are any problems.

Why Network Childminders are an Ideal Childcare Solution for Teenage Parents

Childminders can look after babies and because they look after small numbers of children, childminders can offer individual attention that very young children require.

They can offer informal one to one advice if the parent wants it.

They can offer flexible care. For example, evening study.

They are more likely to be living in the same community as the parent, which means children will be able to go to local toddler groups and playgroups.

Childminders can offer continuity of care and the child will learn from other children of different ages and families.

What is the Bradford Childminding Network?

Bradford Childminding Network is part of the Early Years & Childcare Service and assesses childminders to the NCMA's Children Come *first* Quality Assurance scheme .

A Children Come *first* childminding network is a formal group of registered childminders recruited, assessed and monitored by a network co-ordinator

Childminders are assessed to a Quality Charter and once part of this scheme are visited by a co-ordinator every 6-8 weeks.

As a member of Bradford Childminding Network you are able to attend further training to become part of the Teenage Parent Childcare Project.

How do I find out more?

For further information please contact

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Bradford Teen Parent



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According to government statistics, there are 50,000 young parents under the age of 19 and only 30% of these are in work or education.

Some of the reasons young parents may not return to education are because they can't afford childcare costs and may feel they do not know enough about choosing quality childcare

The Teenage Parent Childcare Project in Bradford

Bradford Childminding Network works in partnership with the government initiative, Sure Start Plus, ensuring that pregnant teenagers and teenage parents can access services such as housing, benefits, health & education.

The Network aims to support young parents access to quality childcare for their children.

This allows the young parent to return to school or start college.

The Teenage Parent Childcare Co-ordinator

For the Parent

Initially informs the parent of their childcare options and accompanies them to childminders and nurseries.

Supports the parent with their choice of childcare and helps access funding for the placement.

Provides a liaison point between the parent and the childminder if necessary.

Reviews the childcare needs regularly.

For the Childminder

Provides relevant additional training and support.

Introduces the young parent and child.

Liaises with other services if appropriate, i.e. Quality Assurance Co-ordinators, Social Services.

Accesses the funding for the childcare fees.

Provides a liaison point between the childminder and the young parent if necessary.

Further Training

Training has been developed through findings from the Social Exclusion Unit's report 'The Teenage Pregnancy Strategy 1999'.

It aims to raise awareness of the issues facing young parents.

The following areas are covered:

Confidentiality — what it means and why it is essential for young parents.

Child Protection

Working with parents — creating effective relationships

