

Early Help

Parenting Support Core Programme Offer

The Early Help Parenting Team provides a variety of parenting programmes suitable for families in Walsall. Our **Core Programmes** are designed for families who are already engaged with a professional through an early help or social care plan. Workshops will either be held in our Family Hubs, or our community spoke buildings. Early help lead professionals, partnership leads, and social workers can request for families to join both the universal and core parenting programmes.

Please see a list below of courses, workshops and support available

Core Programmes

- Mellow Mums Parenting Programme
- DADS Parenting programme
- Cygnet – parents or carers of children with Autism diagnosis
- Let's Talk Teenagers
- Let's Talk Relationships (Reducing Parental Conflict programme)
- SEND - How To Support Your Child's Emotions
- Parenting When Separated

For further information on each course please read the following pages.



Core Programmes

All programmes below are available for families supported by a professional on a support plan

Mellow Mums Parenting Programme

Mellow Mums is an attachment based ten-week parenting programme for mums, female carers and their children up to 10 years old. The course is suitable for individuals who have experienced trauma or are care leavers.

- This is a 10 week face to face programme which is designed to strengthen the relationship between Mum's and their children aged 0 - 10 years.
- Children who are 0 - 5 years old will attend the programme with their mum. During the sessions the child will spend time in the creche with experienced workers.
- Lunchtimes are spent together completing positive activities that promote attachment. Children aged between 5 - 10 years old will be collected from school via a taxi and a chaperone to attend the lunchtime session. They will return once the session has concluded.
- The programme encourages mums to reflect on their parenting journey. They are encouraged to talk about their experiences so far including what they are enjoying the most and what aspects of parenting they are finding challenging.
- The programme supports mums to be more intune with their child's emotions and knowing the benefits of how this can also best support them.
- It offers mums the opportunity to share their life stories, develop support networks and improve their parenting abilities
- During the sessions the children will get the opportunity to interact and play with others to enable social and personal development.
- This course is only available in a face to face environment.

If you are working with a mum that may benefit from accessing this programme please contact the parenting team to discuss further

To participate in this programme the parent must have a child between the ages of 0 - 10 years old. It is not suitable for parents whose children are in care.

DADS Parenting Programme

- This is a 8 week face to face programme which is designed to strengthen the relationship between dad's and their children age 0 - 10 years.
- Children who are 0 - 5 years old will attend the programme with their dad. During the sessions the child will spend time in the creche with experienced workers.
- Lunchtimes are spent together completing positive activities that promote attachment. Children aged between 5 - 10 years old will be collected from school via a taxi and a chaperone to attend the lunchtime session. They will return once the lunchtime session is concluded.
- The programme encourages dads to reflect on their parenting journey. They are encouraged to talk about their experiences so far including what they are enjoying the most and what aspects they are finding challenging. They will all learn how important it is for the child to have a consistent father figure in their lives.
- The programme supports dad's to be more intune with their child's emotions and knowing the benefits of how this can also best support them.
- It offers dad's the opportunity to share their life stories, develop support networks and improve their parenting abilities.
- During the sessions children will get the opportunity to interact and play with others to enable social opportunities and personal development.
- This course is only available in a face to face environment.

If you are working with a Dad that may benefit from this programme please contact the parenting team to discuss further

To participate in this programme the parent must have a child between the ages of 0 - 10 years old. It is not suitable for parents whose children are in care.

Cygnets Programme (5 years and over)

Barnados Cygnets is a specialist seven-week programme designed for parents and carers of children and young people with a diagnosis of autistic spectrum disorder (ASD). The programme can be helpful for any parent and carer with a child with autism.

- The sessions include; autism and diagnosis, communication, sensory issues and understanding and managing behaviour.
- The programme will include weekly question and answer sessions with an SEN parenting officer.

This course is not suitable for children without a medical diagnosis of ASD

Let's Talk Teenagers Programme

- This workshop will give parents of teenagers the opportunity to reflect on their experiences and parenting journey through the lives of a teenager.
- During the workshop parents will be encouraged to share the positive's of their journey aswell as the challenges they experience.
- The aim of the workshop will be for parents to create a toolkit of skills and knowledge to best support their teenager through their adolescent years.
- The workshop will also include a Parent against Child Sexual Abuse session.

This course will be over two sessions which will last 90 minutes each

Let's Talk Relationships (Reducing Parental Conflict) Programme

When parents are arguing frequently, intensely and are not able to resolve the issue with their spouse, partner or ex-partner it can lead to poor outcomes for children.

- Let's Talk Relationships (RPC) is for parents who would like to know more about how parental conflict can affect children's outcomes.
- Parents will explore their communication styles, their argument triggers and the impact of these arguments on their children. The programme will also explore how children can be typified into roles such as mediators, spies, confidants or messengers when parents are in destructive conflict situations.
- Parents will be shown tools they can use to work together to resolve issues allowing time for reflection. They will have the opportunity to practice different communication styles and review their successes. If parents feel they need further support this is also available. .
- The course can be delievered seperately.

This course will be over two sessions to give parents time to reflect on the effectiveness of the toolkit. Sessions will last 90 minutes each

This course is not suitable for parents who have experienced domestic abuse within the relationship.

Parenting When Separated Programme

Parenting Plus when separated is 6 week programme that is delivered weekly to small groups of parents who are preparing for, going through or have gone through a separation or divorce.

- The programme is for parents of older and younger children, residential, non residential and co-residential parents. It is also for parents who are recently separated or for those seperated for some time or who have never been in a relationship together.
- The programme focuses on solving co-parenting problems in a positive way, providing practical skills and ideas to improve positive communication to meet the needs of the children..
- The programme aims to provide parents with strategies to help them cope and reflect on the emotional impact of separation on both the parents and their children.
- The course enable parents to develop healthy and respectful working relationships, including supporting parents to work out practical care and contact arrangements that minimises stress and conflict.

SEND - How To Support Your Child's Emotions

This workshop is for parent and carers of children who may have underlying emotional regulation challenges and SEND.

- The workshop gives parents an understanding of what can cause children and young people feel dysregulated. They will learn new tools to enable them to support their child.
- The workshop will cover key areas of needs including communication, sensory, understanding and managing behaviour.

How do professionals make a request for Core programmes for families open to support?

For Lead Professionals and Social workers requesting support from the Early Help Parenting Team through Mosaic.

- Speak to parents or carer and discuss the programmes above to enable them to choose the programme or workshop they think will be most helpful .
- It is helpful to share the times, dates and information about the programme's with the parents or carer
- If you are a social worker stepping down, please make your request via the Mosaic step down form, if you are continuing to work with the family as a social worker or locality family support lead professional, please access the Mosaic Early Help Service Request Form from the **START menu** on person summary to request a parenting programmes or workshops.
- Complete the forms and tick for “parenting” and follow the instruction on the form completing **Section 1 to Section 4** of the service request form then please clipboard your request to the **Early Help Parenting Team**.
- If you need help use the mosaic guidance notes or contact the mosaic help desk.
- Please ensure you have detailed the name of the programme or workshop required or we may have to reject the Service Request.
- Please ensure you have obtained an e-mail address for parents and contact number to include in the request.
- A member of the Parenting Team will get back to you and will be **in a position** to tell you when the next course is, where and at what time.
- If you are requesting a bespoke package one to one support in the home, Mellow programmes or Parenting When Separated please contact the team before making your request by emailing **earlyhelpparentingteam@walsall.gov.uk**
- For lead professionals with no access to mosaic such as those working in schools , health or other services, please speak to parents in the first instance then to your early help parenting officer who can help facilitate the request for you. You can e-mail your Partnership Officer here; **earlyhelpparentingteam@walsall.gov.uk**
- If you are working with a parenting who you feel may benefit from one to one support please make contact with the parenting team before making a request for support.

October 2024

	Tuesday 1st	Wednesday 2nd	Thursday 3rd	Friday 4th	Saturday 5th
	<p>Dads Mellow 8:00am - 4:00pm West Family hub</p> <p>Lets Talk Teenagers Time (Session 2) 1:00pm - 2:30pm Moxley People's Centre</p>	<p>Cygnets 10:00am - 2:00pm Pelsall Community and Arts Centre</p> <p>'Let's Talk Relationships' (RPC) (Session 1 1.5hrs) 2:30pm - 4:30pm West Family hub</p>	<p>Let's Talk Teenagers (Session 1) 12:00pm - 1:30pm Central and South Family Hub</p> <p>'Let's Talk Relationships' (RPC) (Session 2 1.5hrs) 9:30am - 11:30am Central and South Family Hub</p>	<p>Mellow Mums (Session 1) 9:00am - 4:00pm North Family Hub</p>	
Monday 7th	Tuesday 8th	Wednesday 9th	Thursday 10th	Friday 11th	Saturday 12th
<p>SEND - How To Support Your Child's Emotions 10:00 - 2:00pm Walsall Jamia Masjid Ghausia</p>	<p>Dads Mellow 8:00am - 4:00pm West Family Hub</p> <p>Parenting When Seperated (Session 1) Virtual</p>	<p>Cygnets 10:00am - 2:00pm Pelsall Community and Arts Centre</p>		<p>Mellow Mums 9:00am - 4:00pm North Family Hub</p>	
Monday 14th	Tuesday 15th	Wednesday 16th	Thursday 17th	Friday 18th	Saturday 19th
	<p>Dad's Mellow 8:00am - 4:00pm West Family Hub</p> <p>Parenting When Seperated (Session 2) 10:00am - 2:00pm Virtual</p>	<p>Cygnets 10:00am - 2:00pm Pelsall Community and Arts Centre</p> <p>'Let's Talk Relationships' (RPC) (Session 2 1.5hrs) 2:30pm - 4:30pm West Family Hub</p>	<p>Let's Talk Teenagers Time (Session 2) 12:00pm - 1:30pm Central and South Family Hub</p>	<p>Mellow Mums 9:00am - 4:00pm North Family Hub</p>	
Monday 21st	Tuesday 22nd	Wednesday 23rd	Thursday 24th	Friday 25th	Saturday 26th
	<p>Dads Mellow 8:00am - 4:00pm West Family hub</p> <p>Parenting When Seperated (Session 3) 10:00am - 2:00pm Virtual</p>	<p>Cygnets 10:00am - 2:00pm Pelsall Community and Arts Centre</p>		<p>Mellow Mums 9:00am - 4:00pm North Family Hub</p>	
Monday 28th	Tuesday 29th	Wednesday 30th	Thursday 31st		
		Half term activities			

November 2024

				Friday Nov 1st	Saturday Nov 2nd
				Half term activities	
Monday 4th Nov	Tuesday 5th Nov	Wednesday 6th Nov	Thursday 7th Nov	Friday 8th Nov	Saturday 9th Nov
Lets Talk Teenagers Time (Session 1) 12:45pm - 2:15pm Central and South Family Hub	Dads Mellow 8:00am - 4:00pm West Family Hub Parenting When Seperated (Session 4) 10:00am - 2:00pm Virtual	'Let's Talk Relationships' (RPC) (Session 1 1.5hrs) 9:30am - 11:30am West Family Hub Cygnnet 10:00am - 2:00pm Pelsall Community and Arts Centre		Mellow Mums 9:00am - 4:00pm North Family Hub	
Monday 11th Nov	Tuesday 12th Nov	Wednesday 13th Nov	Thursday 14th Nov	Friday 15th Nov	Saturday 16th Nov
	Dads Mellow 8:00am - 4:00pm West Family Hub Parenting When Seperated (Session 5) 10:00am - 2:00pm Virtual	Cygnnet 10:00am - 2:00pm Pelsall Community and Arts Centre			
Monday 18th Nov	Tuesday 19th Nov	Wednesday 20th Nov	Thursday 21st Nov	Friday 22nd Nov	Saturday 23rd Nov
Lets Talk Teenagers Time (Session 2) 12:45pm - 2:15pm Central and South Family Hub	Parenting When Seperated (Session 6) 10:00am - 2:00pm Virtual	'Let's Talk Relationships' (RPC - Session 2 1.5 hours) 9:30am - 11:30am West Family Hub Cygnnet 10:00am - 2:00pm Pelsall Community and Arts Centre		Mellow Mums 9:00am - 4:00pm North Family Hub	SEND - How To Support Your Child's Emotions 10:00am - 2:00pm East Family Hub
Monday 25th Nov	Tuesday 26th Nov	Wednesday 27th Nov	Thursday 28th Nov	Friday 29th Nov	Saturday 30th Nov
				Mellow Mums 9:00am - 4:00pm North Family Hub	

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WS3 IHJ

East Family Hub

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Brownhills
WS8 6HA

Pelsall Community and Arts Centre

Station Road
Pelsall
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Moxley People's Centre

3, Queen Street
Moxley
WS10 8TA

Walsall Jamia Masjid Ghausia

Birchills Street
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WS2 8NF

Willenhall Chart Centre

19, Gomer Street
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Ryecroft Community Hub

28, New Forest Road
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