



SENCo Snippets December 2010

Jayne's Happy delivery

Jayne gave birth to Harry and Oliver early November. Everybody is doing well. Many congratulations to the Field family!



PVI SENCo Inclusion Forum

Following the results of the survey we had during the last Inclusion Forum, please find below dates for the forums next term. When completing the training application form, please state which date you prefer.

- Monday 7 February 2010 - 44Two Sports and Social Club Featherby Road Gillingham ME8 6AN
- Wednesday 9 February - The Village Community Sports & Social Club (formally BAE) Bells Lane Hoo Rochester ME3 9JD
- Friday 11 February - Lordswood Leisure Centre North Dane Way Chatham ME5 8YE

We aim to promptly start at 1pm and to finish at 2:30pm. However, we are inviting colleagues from the local children's centres in each area to join us from 12.15pm for a networking time to give you an opportunity to meet and enrich your partnership working around children with SEND. Refreshments will be available from this time and, as always, you are welcome to bring your lunch.

Equality Act

The new Equalities Act comes into force on April 1 2011. Further information can be found in the following websites: http://www.equalities.gov.uk/equality_act_2010.aspx

For FAQs: http://www.equalities.gov.uk/equality_act_2010/faqs_on_commencement_of_the_eq.aspx

And perhaps most useful of all, the page which has information for employers (by ACAS) & voluntary/community organisations, "**What Do I need to know?**"

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/equality_act_2010/equality_act_2010_what_do_i_n.aspx



PVI REFERRALS TO THE INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN'S SUPPORT SERVICE (ICSS)



Please note that the final date for referrals to be received by ICSS for children going in to school September 2011 will be the end of Term 3 to reach the office **no later than Monday, 28 February, 2011**. If - at any time - you have a significant level of concern regarding a child's development please contact your Inclusion Advisor as soon as possible in the first instance. In these circumstances, don't wait until you have four new terms of IEP's and reviews in place for a child before referring to the ICSS but please provide the IEP's you have to date.

Speech And Language Referral Forms

Many of you will recently be given Referral Letter To Children's Specialist Services form supplied to us by the Children's Therapy Team at the Rochester Healthy Living Centre. However recent communication from them suggests that these forms are not appropriate for early years referral so please continue to use previous speech & language referral forms and remember to put the child's NHS number on it.



ECaT Language Assessment Sheet

The ECaT language assessment sheet for monitoring all children's progress is proving to be a very useful tool across Medway. As a SENCo you will probably be using the sheet to look more closely at the language and communication skills of the children your colleagues are consulting you about. If you decide a referral to the speech and language therapy service is needed for a child you should consider including a copy of the child's ECaT sheet as it contains information the SLT may find useful.



AND FINALLY:

The IA team wishes everybody a lovely Christmas break!

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