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peer mentoring for young mothers and fathers

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Peer Mentoring Project for Young Mothers and Fathers

This is a pilot project funded through Department of Children Schools and Families until the end of March 2011 to work with young mothers and fathers aged 16 – 19.

Sidebyside Peer Mentoring Project aims to test the effectiveness of peer support for young mothers and fathers. There will be general support for their parenting as well as a specific focus on:

- accessing appropriate housing
- independent living
- life skills
- education, employment and training opportunities

This innovative project recruited female peer mentors in July 2009 and we are currently in the process of recruiting male peer mentors to ensure we have a gender balance and to encourage and deliver more support to teenage fathers. All our Peer Mentors became parents as teenagers and can therefore identify with the associated support needs of mentees.

We have provided a comprehensive training programme for all the mentors in readiness to give appropriate support, guidance to mentees.

We are now taking referrals for this service for any young mothers or fathers as well as expectant young mothers or fathers who may benefit from some peer support. These young people need to meet the following criteria:

Be a young mother or expectant young mother aged 16 – 19
Be a young father or expectant young father aged 16-19
Living in temporary accommodation or at risk of becoming homeless
Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)
Priority given to those living in Aspley, Bilborough, Bulwell, Bestwood, St. Anns

To make a referral to the Sidebyside Peer Mentoring Project please complete the appropriate areas on the first 3 pages of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) form with your client and send it to:

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