



## NCERCC Notes – September 2009

### 1. New on NCERCC website this month

[www.ncb.org.uk/ncercc](http://www.ncb.org.uk/ncercc)

- September Talking Point – the ABC of Risk - planning for risk from a capability and competence perspective
- Two documents from Stirling on food - a Resource Handbook on Food Practices in Residential Children's Homes, and a leaflet for young people about food.
- An Ice-breaker exercise for use with young people
- A UNICEF guide on children and youth participation
- An article from Guardian from 2006 on the care system in Germany
- The annual Reed Social Care Salary Survey provides a comprehensive analysis of salaries for job roles across social care fields throughout the UK.
- State of the Children's Social Care Workforce
- Local Authority Workforce Intelligence Group Children's, young people's and families' social care workforce survey.
- Exclusions - what can RCC learn from the Extra Mile project?
- Ofsted guidance on overnight stays for looked after children
- National Centre for Health & Clinical Excellence guidance on when to suspect child maltreatment

### 2. Government & Associated

#### NCERCC Conference date being rearranged

Given the forthcoming DCSF consultation on the revision of the NMS for which NCERCC will be organising regional events, and with there being other associated demands on the time of the sector, NCERCC has taken the decision to rearrange its 2009 conference for later in the year.

New details forthcoming in September

**Please note** we are planning a first NCERCC RCC Research seminar for early in 2010 and will be issuing a call for papers in the next few months .

### 3. NCB survey of the children's workforce

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=YwjkhBC46mWs\\_2fX1sPp8bw\\_3d\\_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=YwjkhBC46mWs_2fX1sPp8bw_3d_3d)

Do you work directly with children and young people? Or do you line manage or supervise staff who do? If you have answered yes to either of these questions, NCB's Research Team would like to hear from you. Please click on the link above to complete our short online survey, which has been commissioned by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF).

#### **4. Resources**

#### **5. Conferences/Training – in date order**

### **FSID launches new social networking site for teenage parents**

At the end of August, the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (FSID) will launch bubbalicious, a site exclusively for teenage parents.

Latest figures show that mums under 20 are six times more likely to have a cot death than older mothers\*, but they are a hard group to reach, and the least likely to access safe sleep advice.

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After being awarded a grant from the DCSF, FSID consulted with young mums and dads across the country and has produced a social networking site, which delivers reduce the risk advice in a lively, lifestyle format.

Users can chat to other parents, showcase their writing or music talents, and upload photos. Mums are encouraged to take the Big Sister, four level challenge, where, via quizzes and videos, they are given all they need to know to keep their babies safe. Once they pass the final level, they receive an award which enables them to give advice to other users.

Everyone who registers on the site will be eligible for monthly prize draws for free cots and mattresses, baby bedding and other items.

To help publicise the site, FSID has produced a handy, credit card sized flyer, which healthcare professionals can distribute to young parents. Health professionals are asked to encourage young parents they are in contact with to register on the [bubbalicious website](#).

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\* Latest ONS figures published on August 28<sup>th</sup> 2008, showed that the cot death rate was highest for babies of mothers aged under 20 at the time of the child's birth (1.27per 1,000 live births).

## **Disabled children's services indicator screening survey**

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Work on the second disabled children's services indicator started last month with a large-scale screening survey of parents. The screening survey will be sent out to 750,000 households of school aged children across England. This survey will be used to identify parents and carers of children with a wide range of disabilities to take part in the main stage questionnaire. The main questionnaire will ask parents about their experience of local disabled children's services (health, education, and care and family support) being delivered to the core offer standards. A research company (BMRB) has been contracted to carry out the surveys on behalf of the DCSF and the resulting indicators will be published in December.

The method of producing the indicator, based on two surveys of parents, has proved itself. A first national baseline measure of the disabled children's services indicator was published in May 2009 showing that parents' rating for services was 59 out of 100 and a set of sub-indicators were published in June 2009.

Further information has been developed for parents of disabled children and professional working with this group comprising of an information leaflet, a timetable of next steps for the indicator and an example of the main stage questionnaire.

For more information visit the ['AHDC core offer' web page](#) .

## **Working to Meet the Short Breaks Full Service Offer**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, London**

This new course will enable short break service commissioners and providers to develop their understanding of Aiming High for Disabled Children's 'Full Service Offer' and how to meet it.

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