How Home-Start helps families in your community: a guide for providers of local services

Home-Start offers one to one, personalised support for parents with children under five; reaching out to families at risk of social exclusion, including those who do not engage with other services.

Home-Start places trained volunteers alongside parents. Support is tailored to the individual needs of each family and is provided for as long as the family needs it.

Volunteers are managed and supervised by their local Home-Start scheme which is in turn supported by Home-Start UK; a community resource with all the benefits of a strong national organisation.

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Support and friendship for families

What Home-Start brings to your community

Outreach to families: homevisiting and other family support services

Partnership working and local expertise to enhance support for families

Trustees: local people selected, trained and guided to run a local service

Volunteers: local parents selected trained and supervised to provide one to one support to other local parents

Added value: local and other funding and resources brought into the community

What we do

Provide tailored, personalised support to families, in their own homes, and in groups

Encourage wider social and support networks and opportunities for increased engagement in community life

Offer choices for parents and their children and opportunities for their voices to be heard

Offer consistent adult role models for parents and their children – other adults who care

Promote active citizenship, by involving local people in planning and provision

Ensure consistent, high quality service through monitoring and quality assurance

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The difference we can make

Families develop improved coping strategies and parents become more confident

Parents and children feel less marginalised

Families make better use of local services, are less isolated and have wider horizons

Children have fun and opportunities to enjoy new experiences

Stronger parent/child relationships

Happier safer homes, happier safer children

Individual volunteers encouraged and supported into training and employment

Increased community capacity: positive outcomes achieved by local people for local people