

South East Family Hub Newsletter

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A welcome message from the Isle of Wight:

Hello and welcome to the first South East Family Hub newsletter, which will provide regular updates regarding the development of the Family Hub initiative, both Nationally and specifically to the South East region.

I wanted to start by introducing myself, my name is Carly Bain, and I am the recently appointed Regional Coordinator for Family Hubs. I have met some of you already and I am due to meet more of you soon, I am looking forward to working together to see how we can either implement or indeed enhance the Family Hub offer in your authority. I am currently in post until December 2022, funded by the Department for Education and working for the Isle of Wight Council and Hampshire County Council. Please feel free to email me on carly.bain@iow.gov.uk



A message from the National Centre for Family Hubs (NCFH):

Hello, SESLIP members, my name is Julie Greer. I wanted to introduce myself as your regional coordinator for the National Centre for Family Hubs (NCFH). I am working with Local Authorities in the South East of England to support the development of Family Hubs to meet local need, keeping families at the heart of the transformation process.

Carly and I are working closely together to support Local Authorities in the South East to develop Family Hubs using the Early Intervention Foundation's Theory of Change, for example, and create Communities of Practice with other areas.

I am also the Policy and Practice Advisor: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, for NCFH and I would be very happy to support you in thinking about how to meet the needs of children and young people within your Family Hubs. We are currently writing a module for the toolkit on SEND, so please let me know if there is a particular aspect of SEND that you would want included, or if you are doing some effective work to support families in which one or more children have SEND.

Please note that I work two days a week for NCFH, but I can offer some flexibility when meeting. Feel free to contact me on Julie.greer@annafreud.org



National Centre for Family Hubs (NCFH) resources:

As some of you may know, the NCFH website is available to support you to look at ways in which you can develop a Family Hub model in your authority. You can find the website by going to www.nationalcentreforfamilyhubs.org.uk

If you haven't already signed up for NCFH newsletters, please click on the link in the top bar of this webpage www.nationalcentreforfamilyhubs.org.uk/contact-us/ and then look out for a confirmation email, which you will need to accept.

As well as the implementation toolkit, resource library and regular events and webinars, NCFH can also provide bespoke consultation packages to support you to develop Family Hubs. You can email Julie at julie.greer@annafreud.org, or NCFH enquiries@annafreud.org if you would like a particular focus to training, or would like to share good practice in your area.

Upcoming NCFH training:

Youth and Family Hubs – 10th February;

Using behavioural insights to increase the reach and take up of family hub services – 10th March;

How Family Hubs can improve the lives of CYP with SEND and those around them – 29th March

If you would like to find out more or book a place, please go to;

www.annafreud.org/training/national-centre-for-family-hubs/

South East support via the South East Sector Led Improvement Programme (SESLIP):

As part of the work across the region, Julie and I will be developing a Community of Practice for the South East. This will allow authorities to share ideas and support each other as they develop their Hub offer in their immediate communities. This work will begin with our attendance at the Early Help network meetings throughout 2022, we are just waiting for the dates to be confirmed. At the meetings, Julie and I will have an allocated slot around Family Hubs, which will include updates such as funding opportunities and also sharing good practice examples and ideas.

In addition to this, there will be the circulation of this newsletter, both via the SESLIP website (www.seslip.co.uk/latest-news) and emailed directly to you. This will be updated weekly with any information relating to the Family Hub work. If you know of any colleague who would like to receive this information, please do pass them my email address and I will add them to the distribution list.

Ideas welcome!

Please do contact us if you have anything you would like to be added to the forthcoming newsletters, we would be happy to include it for you.