

## **South East Family Hub Newsletter**

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*Hello and welcome to the second newsletter for the South East region, focusing on the development of the Family Hub work. It has been great to meet more of the South East Local Authorities over the past few weeks, Julie and I are collating lots of examples of best practice through this networking.*

### **South East Communities of Practice – what are they?**

The Communities of Practice in the South East will focus on themes that are useful to those developing Family Hubs, e.g. Governance; Data Sharing; SEND. Please feed back to us, telling us your areas of interest, so that we can shape our CoPs over the coming months. We hope to try different ways of engaging with you to share good practice and find ways to overcome some of the obstacles too.

In addition to this, there will be the circulation of this newsletter, both via the SESLIP website ([www.seslip.co.uk/latest-news](http://www.seslip.co.uk/latest-news)) and emailed directly to you. This will be updated fortnightly 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 Carly's email address and they will be added to the distribution list.

We will also be attending the SESLIP Early Help network meetings this year, with allocated slots around Family Hubs, which will include updates such as funding opportunities and sharing good practice examples and ideas.

### **NCFH SEND update:**

The National Centre for Family Hubs are currently in the process of writing a new module for the family hub implementation toolkit relating to special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The module will support local authorities and their stakeholders to keep the needs of families, who have one or more children with SEND, at the heart of their planning and development of Family Hubs. The module is being written in co-production with parents, carers and young people with expertise from experience and those who have expertise by profession, from education and health. The draft module will also be shared with a wider range of people and professions from across the country before it is ready to be launched at the webinar on 29<sup>th</sup> March – just follow the [link](#).

If you are proud of your SEND practice and how it is integrated into your Family Hub model, please email [julie.greer@annafreud.org](mailto:julie.greer@annafreud.org)

### **Family Hub blog:**

Do you have something on your mind about Family Hubs? Are you playing with ideas in your head about how to improve services for families in your area? Do you have a burning issue that might challenge other people's thinking? We would really like to encourage you to contribute a short blog of between 100-300 words that might help to shape our thinking about Family Hubs and how to implement them in the South East. Each blog will have its author's name, so check your team are okay with

what you are writing before you send it to us. We may edit your words lightly but will run any changes past you first. Look out for our first blog in our future newsletters.

### **National Centre for Family Hubs (NCFH) resources:**

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](http://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/](http://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](mailto:julie.greer@annafreud.org), or [NCFH enquiries@annafreud.org](mailto: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 – new webinars added:**

All of the following webinars are 90 minutes long, free of charge and take place virtually via Zoom;

Youth and Family Hubs	10 <sup>th</sup> February
Service Design and Commissioning of Family Hubs	3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Using behavioural insights to increase the reach and take up of family hub services	10 <sup>th</sup> March
How Family Hubs can improve the lives of CYP with SEND and those around them	29 <sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.annafreud.org/training/national-centre-for-family-hubs/)

### **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.

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to provide feedback and suggestions already, we are working on providing these for you.

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