



Staffordshire Children's Trust
Working together to improve the lives of children and young people

What are Staffordshire's Community and Learning Partnerships?

Community and Learning Partnerships (C&LPs) are defined as: clusters of schools, children's centres and potentially other community venues, forming a 'campus' from which to deliver the core offer for both extended schools and children's centres. This core offer consists of a range of services reflecting local need and parental choice and includes: support for childcare, employment opportunities, information, health support, family support, adult education, a menu of activities, wider community access and swift and easy referral. This can only happen by local communities and agencies working together to meet the needs of the C&LP local neighbourhood.

Community and Learning Partnerships have been devised to bring together all of these groups to identify the needs of the area and organise delivery of provision where gaps are identified and support ongoing work. Initially, business plans for each partnership will be drawn up, and these will vary depending on the needs of the locality. They will be developed and delivered with the active involvement of all agencies and the local community. Once these plans have been agreed, then with some funding assistance, Partnerships will be able to deliver the activities required to support and sustain their local communities. The Government has provided funding for this initiative for the period 1 April 2008 until 31 March 2011. Each Partnership will receive a delegated budget to deliver the core offer for extended schools and children's centres. The priority is for Partnerships to develop multi-agency integrated services to support children, young people and families within the defined neighbourhoods.