

Sharing our Successes

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Name of Project	ELFS (Early Learning Family Support)
Purpose of project/service	To provide intensive home learning to families of children under five with an identified need
Funder	Funded by the following Community and Learning Partnerships Codsall, Rugeley, Stone, Walton and Weston Road, Wombourne and Wolgarston.
Description	<p>This service will support children under five and their families who have been referred to us and come within our criteria of services offered.</p> <p>AIM: To support, through a variety of ways, children under five who have an extra need and their families. To encourage and enable families to participate in local community services.</p> <p>OBJECTIVES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work in partnership with parents/carers to enhance their children's lifelong learning skills. • To provide friendly support, advice and guidance to meet the individual needs of the family. • To liaise with other professionals within the statutory and voluntary sector. • To organise training for parents/carers as requested. • To offer support, advice and guidance to parent and toddler and pre-school settings who are providing for a child with extra needs.
Why was it Established?	To provide a non-statutory support for the families perceived as being 'hard to reach'.
Who Benefits?	Identified children/families in a specific geographical area. Statutory and voluntary services
How do they Benefit?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents are supported in their role as prime educator. • Parents gain in confidence, knowledge & skills • Specific needs of individual children addressed • Through our service we aim to compliment and provide the added value to the work of the statutory providers. • We aim to work in partnership with statutory and voluntary services, as appropriate, by sharing information, expertise and training opportunities.
What makes the Service unique or Special?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relationship between project staff and Health professionals. • Individual programmes followed to meet the needs of specific families/children.

Beneficiaries Feedback	<p>“ To enable – to mix with children of his age and to do activities which he loves to do”</p> <p>“Given – more confidence and do different things.”</p> <p>“—has delayed development and emotional issues – from my point of view someone to talk to and someone to play with and learn new skills. She helped me enormously with the difficulties we as a family have been faced with.”</p> <p>“To help with --- and to show us how to deal with --- to calm him down”</p> <p>“Carolyn made --- feel like he was number one and he loved it and also the support was great”.</p> <p>“I liked everything and --- enjoyed it there is nothing I didn’t like.”</p> <p>“Made a great difference, gave a lot of support and ideas for other things to do. I got support for --- speech”.</p>
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