


Sharing our Successes

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Name of Project	Toddler Development Worker (TDW)
Purpose of project/service	To provide support, advice and guidance to Toddler group settings to include the static Travellers sites, Toddler group serving the MOD camp and Dads Lounge.
Funder	Stafford, Stone and KEV1 Community and Learning Partnerships
Description	<p>The overall aim is for the children to have FUN whilst they learn through their play and to build trusting relationships with the parents/carers.</p> <p>The TDW staff role is to find out where groups are located, make contact, complete profile questionnaire and draw up an action plan which is maintained and updated regularly.</p> <p>In conjunction with setting plan a monthly activity delivered by TDW. These activities include physical exercise, songs and rhymes, stories and books, messy play and natural materials.</p> <p>Provide advice, support and guidance as and when the setting requested it.</p> <p>Provide literature and information for parents/carers on a range of topics as pertaining to the needs of families with young children.</p>
Why was it Established?	Very often toddler settings are set up by parents who have perceived a very real need for their children and themselves. They receive little / no help at all from the statutory / voluntary bodies as they are not required to register with OFSTED. As a result they miss out on essential information as pertaining to all matters of interest to toddler groups, in particular on providing a safe environment, appropriate play equipment and activities, management of the setting, promotion, marketing and funding opportunities.
Who Benefits?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and volunteers working in the toddler group setting • Parents • Children
How do they Benefit?	<p>Staff and volunteers assisted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop good practice • Adopt/review policies • Provide play appropriate to the age/stage of children • Apply for grants • Recognise importance of providing an inclusive service. <p>Parents benefit from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and stimulating environment • Making friends/gain support from their peer group • Learning how to provide appropriate age/stage play in the

	<p>home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having support /information available to them on a range of topics • Learning about healthy lifestyles <p>Children benefit from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate age/stage play provision • Safe environment to explore/learn • Chance to mix with/play alongside peer group • A special time to be with their parent/s / carer
<p>What makes the Service unique or Special?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each toddler group setting has a personalised action plan, this is developed with the use of a questionnaire that is completed during the first visit, the TDW will then complete an action plan and each time she visits it will be updated. All of this is recorded onto a spreadsheet which is shared with the toddler group setting and the funders. <p>The TDW plans and delivers a monthly activity modelling good practice and providing ideas for parents / carers to use and extend in the home environment.</p> <p>Each setting receives a file which is regularly updated with examples of good practice, appropriate activities, contact numbers etc.</p>