


# Sharing our Successes

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<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>THE DAD'S LOUNGE- a new and innovative drop in</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>The 26 September 2009 saw the launch of <b>The Dad's Lounge</b> at Manor Hill Children's Centre in Stone. This project is a co-ordinated approach to meeting the needs of local dads/granddads and carers (dads).</p> <p>The aim of <b>The Dad's Lounge</b> is to provide a friendly, relaxed, exciting and interesting venue for dads to come along to on Saturday mornings between 10.00am and 12 noon.</p> <p>All dads, with their under 5 year old(s), are welcome. Dads are encouraged to get involved in a variety of activities with their children; qualified and experienced staff are on hand to help with supervision and support. There are opportunities to have a coffee and a chat with other dads.</p> <p>Information and advice is provided by agencies such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Fatherhood Institute</li><li>• Home Start</li><li>• NHS Health Trainers</li><li>• Jigsaw</li><li>• Staffordshire Fire and Rescue</li><li>• Pre-School Learning Alliance</li></ul> <p>Enabling dads to learn more; by collecting leaflets or talking to the staff present. Every week a different agency is invited to attend <b>The Dad's Lounge</b>.</p> 
<b>Further Information on services and activities</b>	<p><b>Manor Hill Children's Centre</b> please contact: Stone Community and Learning Partnership Co-ordinator: Helen Wood 0781 419 2380 <a href="mailto:helen.wood@staffordshire.gov.uk">helen.wood@staffordshire.gov.uk</a></p>