





## This is our vision

'England will have a children and young people's workforce that is respected by peers and valued for the positive difference it makes to the lives of children, young people and their families.'

# Support to work with parents and families programme vision

- Everyone who works with parents and families sees themselves as part of the children's workforce
- They have a unity of purpose, represent the communities they serve, make diverse contributions and are prepared, confident and skilled.

# SWPF overview: Qualifications, training and developments

- Work with Parents (WWP)
- Training and resources for Outreach workers
- Parenting programmes
- Standards and developing training routes
- Improved web resources

# What is evidence based practice?

- A combination of practitioner expertise and knowledge that involves a careful, clear and thoughtful use of updated evidence when making decisions about how to work with parents.
- It includes steps which a practitioner or service can use to ensure that everything they do is evidence based.
- Its about “finding out what works and ensuring that the interventions we and others make in children’s lives are as good as they possibly can be”. (Lloyd 1999)

# What works:

- Good quality training informed by evidence
- Supervision/reflective practitioner/peer support
- Intervening early
- Integrated working practices
- Outcomes based approach – what are we trying to achieve?
- Evaluating outcomes – benefits for child/family, systems and processes
- Infrastructure – needs analysis, service planning, commissioning

# Thematic discussion

Given the current climate of uncertainty – funding and resources allocations, ‘big society’/localism agenda – how can the delivery of evidence based practice be sustained and embedded?

- How can practitioners be supported to work delivering evidence based practice?
- What steps can services take to ensure that what they do is evidence based?

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