A Capita Conference

Disabled Children – A New Priority?

Monday 21st May 2007 – Central London

Chair:
Dr Phillipa Russell CBE, Commissioner
Disability Rights Commission

Keynote Speaker:
Ed Balls MP, Economic Secretary
HM Treasury

Speakers Include:
Christine Lenehan
Director
Council for Disabled Children

Dame Jo Williams
Chief Executive
Mencap

Francine Bates OBE
Chief Executive
Contact a Family

John Ford
Director
Early Support Programme

Vicky Jones
Joint Chief Executive
Shared Care Network

Katy Barton
Director
Care Co-ordination Network
UK (CCNUK)

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The current HM Treasury / DfES review of disabled children’s services heralds significant changes for the future. This review will inform the Comprehensive Spending Review, and as such, disabled children may well be a new priority for local agencies in the coming spending round. It is, therefore, a crucial time in the debate as key stakeholders and the Government come together to discuss ways to improve services for disabled children, young people and their families.

Capita’s conference has been formulated in consultation with key stakeholder groups including the organisations involved in the Every Disabled Child Matters campaign. The conference will identify the most pressing areas of need and gaps in service provision that can contribute to poverty, poor outcomes and social exclusion for disabled children and their families.

Our expert line-up of speakers will discuss the practicalities of moving the agenda forward, whilst sharing information about successful approaches to service provision and lessons learned from recent innovative pathfinders and pilot schemes.

Disabled children, young people and their families have been left out for too long. Every Disabled Child Matters (EDCM) is the campaign to put this right. We want all disabled children and their families to have the right to the services and support they need to live ordinary lives.

www.edcm.org.uk

Benefits of Attending

- Learn from innovative examples of successful disabled children’s services
- Identify the best ways to integrate services locally and put the needs of disabled children and young people first
- Impact upon the Comprehensive Spending Review and policy on future services
- Develop a thorough understanding of the service needs of disabled children and young people: What are the areas of greatest need? What approaches work best? How can you and your organisation deliver service improvements?

Who Should Attend

This conference will be of interest to representatives from:
- Children’s Services
- Local Education Authorities
- Specialist Schools
- Extended Schools
- Children’s Trusts
- Children’s Centres
- Care Services
- Childcare Partnerships
- Supported Housing
- Learning and Skills Councils
- Connexions
- Citizens’ Advice Bureaux
- DfES
- DWP
- Jobcentre Plus
- RDAs
- Voluntary Sector and Disability Charities
- SENCOs

Forthcoming Events for 2007

Transforming Children’s Opportunities for Play: Funding, Innovation and Risk – Thursday 22nd March 2007 – Central London

Reviewing Children and Young People’s Plans: One Year On – Wednesday 25th April 2007 – Central London


About Us

Capita Conferences is one of the UK’s leading conference providers to the public sector. For over 15 years we have attracted diverse and cross-cutting audiences from across health, the police, education, central and local government and the voluntary sector to our events. We provide neutral forums for learning as well as excellent networking opportunities and the chance to provide feedback on policy direct to the highest levels. We pride ourselves on our thoroughly researched, incisive programmes and have secured speakers including leading politicians, Government ministers, senior civil servants, directors of charities, expert practitioners and renowned academics. We have built our reputation by working in partnership with, and on the advice of, key government departments, experts and pressure groups.

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Programme

09.20  Registration, Tea and Coffee
09.50  Chair’s Opening Remarks
       Dr Philippa Russell CBE, Commissioner
       Disability Rights Commission

10.00  Keynote Address: Improving Services Nationally
       Ed Balls MP
       Economic Secretary
       HM Treasury

10.40  Improving Services Locally
       • Making universal services accessible
       • Joint commissioning and partnership working between local authorities, health agencies and the voluntary sector
       Dame Jo Williams
       Chief Executive
       Mencap
       Caroline Abrahams
       Programme Director
       Children and Young People’s Board
       Local Government Association
       Hilary Samson-Barry
       Programme Director
       Partnerships for Children, Families and Maternity
       Department of Health

11.10  Questions and Discussion
11.20  Tea and Coffee
11.40  Making Parent Participation Matter
       • Listening to parents
       • How parents can help to drive change
       • What do we need to do to empower parents
       Francine Bates OBE
       Chief Executive
       Contact a Family
       Plus a Case Study from Cornwall Parent and Carers Council
12.05  Questions and Discussion
12.20  Delegates choose to attend one of the following sessions:

Stream A: Promoting Early Intervention
       Chaired by: Brian Lamb OBE, Chair, Special Education Consortium and Director of Communications, RNID
       John Ford
       Director
       Early Support Programme
       Developing the Evidence Base for Early Intervention
       Lesley Campbell
       National Children’s Officer
       Mencap

Stream B: Supporting Transition to Adulthood
       Chaired by: David Congdon
       Head of Campaigns and Policy, Mencap
       Developing a Transition Support Programme
       Lucia Winters
       Development Officer
       Council for Disabled Children
       Case Study: Mencap Trans-Active Project
       Lewis Perkins
       National Project Manager
       Mencap Trans-Active Project

13.10  Networking Lunch
14.00  Delegates choose to attend one of the following sessions:

Stream C: Short Breaks for Disabled Children and Their Families
       Chaired by: Christine Lenehan, Director
       Council for Disabled Children
       Vicky Jones
       Joint Chief Executive
       Shared Care Network
       and
       Janet Leach
       Service Development Manager, Joint Service for Children with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities
       London Borough of Enfield

Stream D: Effective, Co-ordinated Support from Key Workers and Lead Professionals
       Chaired by: Steve Broach, Campaign Manager
       Every Disabled Child Matters
       Katy Barton
       Director
       Care Co-ordination Network UK (CCNUK)
       and
       Barbara Evans
       Head of Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting
       Telford and Wrekin Council

14.50  Delegates return to main room for the Closing Address
14.55  Disabled Children in the Every Child Matters Agenda
       Claire Tyler
       Director, Vulnerable Children Group
       Department for Education and Skills

15.20  Questions and Discussion
15.30  Chair’s Closing Remarks and Close of Conference
**Booking Form**

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Charity Commission Registration No.

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| Morning | A | or | B | Afternoon | C | or | D |

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