A Guide to our Programmes and Children’s Centres
The Children’s Society

The Children’s Society is a leading national children’s charity committed to making childhood better for all children in the UK.

We provide vital help for tens of thousands of children every year:

- We provide specialist support at a local level for those forgotten children who face the greatest danger and disadvantages in their daily lives; children who are unable to find the support they need anywhere else.

- Our work in children’s centres, schools and churches gives children the chance to develop the skills and confidence they need to make the most of their childhood and play a full part in their local communities.

- Our thought-provoking research influences everyone – from people like you and me to politicians and decision makers – about how to create real change.

- Our hard-hitting campaigns attract large public support and make institutions; government bodies and authorities take action to make childhood better for all children.

Our mission

We make childhood better for all children in the UK.

Our vision

We see a world where every child enjoys a good childhood.

Our values

Love, Justice and Forgiveness.
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The Children’s Society in Birmingham and Black Country
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Main Area of Work

| Targeted Youth Services | Participation and Advocacy | Early Years and Family Support | Refugee New Migrant and Travelers | Disabled Children and Young People |

The Children’s Society in Birmingham and the Black Country programme [was Safe In The City Birmingham] runs several services working with children/young people and families. The core work is around children/young people who run away from care in Birmingham and the Black Country – our Looked After Missing Persons (LAMP) programme carries out independent return interviews and provides surgeries and group work in children's homes across the city. Building Bridges is a unique family support programme which works with the parents of young people who run away from home, using the ‘triple P’ model. The programme is also delivering the Restorative Approaches pilot programme in children’s homes in Birmingham and the Black Country – training staff in restorative justice approaches.

Blackburn Young Refugee Programme
Wesley Hall: Feilden Street, Blackburn, BB2 1LQ, Phone: 01254 583747
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Blackburn Young Refugees work with asylum seeking refugee children, young people and families in the Blackburn and Darwen area to help them to get the support they need to integrate with their new communities. Linking with other agencies to achieve these aims the programme works with people both individually and in groups to provide direct support/information on education and training, housing, health and wellbeing, Society contacts, advocacy and food and clothing parcels.

The Children’s Society Children’s Centres in Bradford [2 Centres]
Management Centre: 18-20 Mortimer Avenue, Bradford, BD3 7EY, Phone: 01274 262740
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The Children’s Centres in Bradford are within one of the most deprived areas in the country. The Mortimer House centre has a 32-place nursery with government-funded places and supported
places for families needing respite care. Family support team offer in-house and outreach support to individuals and groups, positive parenting programmes and activities to all families in our reach area. There is a **Fatherhood Programme** which offers support and activities to fathers/male carers and additional support to father’s who have children with disabilities. The centres also run literacy, numeracy and ESOL classes which are supported by free crèche facilities. We provide multi-language drop in sessions for benefits advice to the whole community, which also includes South Asian and Eastern European speakers. The centres offer a range of services including basic skills and employment skills programmes to the local community. **Volunteering programmes** offer advice around benefits. The **Health on the Streets** provides a range of services including counselling, health trainer, smoking cessation, antenatal and breast-feeding support.

**Mortimer House Children’s Centre and Nursery:** 18-20 Mortimer Avenue, Bradford, BD3 7EY, Phone: 01274 262740 **Programme Manager:** Cathy.Presto@childrenssociety.org.uk

**Gateway Children’s Centre:** 43 Thackeray Road, Bradford, BD10 0JR, Phone: 01274 634800 **Programme Manager:** Julie.Blundell@childrenssociety.org.uk

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**Bury Resolve Programme**
The Pavilions, Bridge Hall Drive, Bury, BL9 7NX, Phone: 0161 763 2170 **Programme Manager:** Donna.Chadwick@childrenssociety.org.uk

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Resolve Children's Counselling Service works with children/young people aged 5-19 who have experienced, or are currently exposed to, domestic violence, sexual abuse or any emotional turmoil that is affecting them. Through one-to-one counselling with qualified and experience counsellors, children/young people and their families are supported to develop personal safety plans, including identifying where they can get help, mapping their personal support networks, focusing on their strengths and building their self-esteem.

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**The Children’s Society in Cheshire**
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Cheshire West and Chester Children’s Rights Service provides advocacy and independent visitor services for children and young people who are looked after, or who are care leavers. The programme also offers advocacy for children/young people with disabilities. Children/young people can choose to have an Independent Visitor to befriend them; Independent Visitors are Volunteers who get to know the child/young person by taking them out and doing activities together, committed to developing a relationship with the child/young person based on trust and friendship.
The Children’s Society in Coventry  
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The Children’s Society in Coventry and Solihull deliver various services for children/young people, families, schools and other organisations within the borough. Our active involvement work aims to ensure that children/young people (aged 5-19 years, and up to 25 years for those with disabilities) are involved in the decision-making about services affecting them, that their views are heard and valued, and that they are supported in making positive contributions to their community. The programme deliver **anti-bullying and personal safety group work programmes** in primary and secondary schools, addressing issues of cyber bullying and internet safety, racism and discrimination, relationships at home, and peer support for those who are vulnerable to bullying. The programmes aim to raise awareness of these issues and improve self-esteem and confidence of those affected. The **Youth Inclusion Support Programme (YISP)** seeks to prevent offending and anti-social behaviour in 8-13 year olds. It works with a multi-agency Panel to reduce the negative factors contributing to anti-social behaviour, and to assist in keeping children and young people in full-time education. It also provides support for parents and carers.

Disability Inclusion Programme [DIP]  
625 Warwick Road, Solihull, West Midlands B91 1AP Phone: 0121 709 2610 Programme Manager: Maureen.Murray@childrenssociety.org.uk  
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The Children’s Society has had a presence in Solihull since 1931. The programme has evolved from being solely a residential provision aimed at meeting family needs to a child focused, rights led partnership with young people who use the service. Offering services in **short breaks** overnight facility for disabled children/young people aged 5-18 years, where they can learn independence skills, access the local community and spend time with their peers. A **Sitting service** working with up to 30 disabled children/young people aged 0-24 in their own homes. The programme also offer **Making It Happen** which is a joint work with our PACT and DAP programmes, offering local authorities and other agencies direct support to improve the quality of shared decision making. **Askability** is the only symbol based website of its kind in the world, giving disabled children and young people access to up-to-date information, news and other information.

The Children’s Society in Keighley and Bradford  
12 Russell Street, Keighley, BD21 2JP, Phone: 01535 606868  
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The Children’s Society in Keighley and Bradford (previously named Hand in Hand project) offers support to young people who are at risk of, involved with or trying to exit from being groomed and sexually exploited. The programme aim is to develop a skilled team, provide a drop in facility and appropriate resources to promote raising awareness for parents and professionals, empower young people with appropriate training and consulting with young people to research what kind of services they would like to have.

**Lancashire Children’s Rights**  
30 Ribblesdale Place, Preston PR1 3NA, Phone: 01772 256900  
Programme Manager: Paul.Maher@childrenssociety.org.uk  
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Lancashire Children’s Rights Service provides longstanding comprehensive children’s rights services for children/young people aged to 18 years who are looked after by Lancashire County Council. The programme also have independent visitors schemes, which recruit, train and support Volunteers who are then matched with children/young people requiring befrienders. The programme offers a **Street Safe Service** for children/young people who are victims/at risk of sexual exploitation and those who are missing from/running away from home/care. Its **LACES** Service (Looking Ahead Careers and Employability Scheme) supports young people who are leaving care to take up employment opportunities, gain experience of the world/work and obtain new skills and qualifications.

**LEAP [Listening, Empowering, Advocacy and Participation Programme] in Leeds**  
Lower Ground Floor, Cubic Business Centre: 533 Stanningley Road, Leeds, LS13 4EN, Phone: 0113 236 3900, Fax: 0113 236 3940 **Programme Manager:** Judith.Shalkowski@childrenssociety.org.uk  
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The LEAP programme is committed to enabling disadvantaged children/young people, alongside professionals, to challenge the ignorance and overcome the barriers that stop them reaching their full potential. The programme offers a range of services across Leeds to disabled and refugee children and young people, as well as disability workforce training to professionals.
The programme delivers services that remain relevant and responsive to the needs of children, young people and families in the Manchester area. Previously named Safe in the City, it provides information, support, advice and advocacy services to children/young people under 18 years who have/at risk of running away from home/care. It offers a confidential service allowing children/young people to talk about their experiences and enable them to make safer choices and decisions.

Salford Missing from Home Service the team carry out need/risk assessments with children, young people and families, providing structured one-to-one programmes of support and carry out preventative awareness raising sessions in schools and refer to other specialist agencies.

Hope Young Refugees work with asylum seeking refugee children, young people and families to help them get the support they need to integrate with their new communities. The programme provides direct support and/or information on education and training, housing, food and clothing parcels, health and wellbeing and advocacy.
**SCARPA** [Safeguarding, Children, At Risk, Participation, Advocacy] Service  
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SCARPA provides targeted youth support to young people who go missing or are at risk of sexual exploitation. The programme works with young people with experiences of very difficult circumstances offering them independent and intensive support. SCARPA provide help with any immediate needs that young people have, a safe place in the city centre, ongoing support aiming to contact young people at least twice a week and support in accessing, negotiating and maintaining relationships with other service providers. The Programme monitors young people who have been reported missing to the police and receive referrals from other agencies, attending meetings involving the police and social care prioritising the most at risk young people so we know who to offer a service to.

**SMART** [Supporting, Migrant, Asylum Seekers Together] Service  
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SMART work with asylum seeking, refugee and migrant children/young people and families they offer a ‘first port of call’ support service to targeted children/young people through leisure and issue based group work. This consists of social trips providing a safe place to socialise and engage with programme activities. SMART have a Kumasi weekly drop-in service, which offers social and issue based support to unaccompanied asylum seeking young people aged 16-24 years. Targeted support for individual young people as well as working with the family as a whole, assessing appropriate approaches to individual casework.

**The Children’s Society in Nottingham**  
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The Children’s Society in Nottingham includes the **Stars National Initiative**, a hub of information, support and guidance on parental drug and alcohol misuse, and the impact it has upon children and families. The programme enables the voices of children/young people and families affected by parental drug and alcohol misuse to be heard. It assists in increasing the capacity of all those

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working with children, young people and families affected by parental drug and alcohol abuse to recognise and respond to their needs, and promote good practice and information on existing provision and support and informs and shapes the development of policy and practice around the support for children, young people and families.

The Nottingham Community Mentoring Initiative provides adult volunteer mentors to young people aged 11 to 15 to enhance young people's well-being and improve educational attainment. It began in Nottingham in June 2009 based upon the model already operational in London and ran until April 2010. During that time work focused upon setting up and the recruitment and training of a group of volunteers. In May 2010 further funding was secured from the Reaching Communities Grant (The Big Lottery) to continue mentoring work until 2013.

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**The Children’s Society in Oldham [Holt’s Village]**
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The Children’s Society in Oldham was established in 1987 as a result of locally identified needs on the Holts Village Estate, an area characterised by high levels of social deprivation and exclusion. This Programme has developed delivering services throughout the Greater Manchester area that remain relevant and responsive to the needs of children/young people and families; Oldham, Bury, Manchester and Salford. Working directly with children/young people seeking to understand the world through their eyes the teams focus on identifying the most effective way to meet their needs. The Programme makes a demonstrable contribution towards outcomes that are key to emotional health and well-being in childhood and later life, through the delivery of targeted and specialised intensive support focused on prevention, early intervention and collaborative multi-disciplinary work. Offering a Children’s Rights Service the programme works with 5 - 18 year olds residing in residential care/foster care or with extended family and friends and offers an advocacy service, independent visitor service and children's rights service. The Missing from Home Service provides intensive support to young people who are at risk of/missing from home with parenting support offered within all our services.

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**The Children’s Society Children’s Centres in Oldham [6 Centres]**
Management Centre: The Honeywell Centre: Medlock Vale Children’s Centre, Hadfield Street, Hathershaw, Oldham, OL8 3BP, Phone: 0161 770 2153 **Programme Manager:** Shaheen.khawaja@childrenssociety.org.uk
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The Children’s Society Children’s Centres in Oldham provides a range of services to children aged 0 - 5 years and their families in the 6 ward areas of Oldham [Alexandra, Coldhurst, Medlock Vale, Royton, Shaw & Crompton and Werneth]. The centres work with various agencies providing help, support and advice in matters relating to health, education, child care and early years provision.
The centres provide an opportunity for parents and carers to enjoy playing with their children in a safe and stimulating environment by offering a range of universal and targeted services including; antenatal, parenting programmes, one-to-one family support service, physical activity sessions, stay and play sessions, baby clinics, school transition programmes, literacy and numeracy, Early Years Foundation Stage.

**Alexandra Children’s Centre:** Wildmoor Avenue, Holts Village, OLD, OL4 5PU, Phone: 0161 770 5275  Centre Leader: [Chris.Bentley@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:Chris.Bentley@childrenssociety.org.uk)

**Coldhurst Children’s Centre:** Winterbottom Street, OLD, OL9 6HY, Phone: 0161 770 8444  Centre Leader: [Karen.bennett@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:Karen.bennett@childrenssociety.org.uk)

**Medlock Vale Children’s Centre:** The Honeywell Centre: Hadfield Street, Hathershaw, OLD, OL8 3BP, Phone: 0161 770 2153  Centre Leader: [Annette.McGranahan@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:Annette.McGranahan@childrenssociety.org.uk)

**Royton Children’s Centre** | 1 Blackshaw Lane, Royton, OLD, OL2 6NT, Phone: 0161 770 5314  Centre Leader: [Melanie.Goodard@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:Melanie.Goodard@childrenssociety.org.uk)

**Shaw & Crompton Children’s Centre** | Cockcroft Hall: High Street, Shaw, OLD, OL2 8RF, Phone: 0161 770 5308  Centre Leader: [Tracey.Coatman@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:Tracey.Coatman@childrenssociety.org.uk)

**Werneth Children’s Centre** | 78 Windsor Rd, Werneth, OLD, OL8 1RP, Phone: 0161 770 5283  Centre Leader: [Michelle.Davidge@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:Michelle.Davidge@childrenssociety.org.uk)

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**PACT**

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PACT aims to support and empower disabled children and young people by working creatively and collaboratively to deliver a wide ranging programme of direct services and accredited training. The overriding focus is supporting disabled children/young people to have their views, wishes and feelings heard and acted upon in response to the challenges they experience in their own lives and in a way which has a national and local impact. PACT has worked with local authorities and other agencies in 9 government regions to improve the quality of shared decision making and partnership working with disabled children/young people. The **Transition Support Programme** funded a new toolkit developed at PACT in consultation with disabled young people who are moving into adult life. The toolkit aims to support disabled young people in transition to communicate their wishes and feelings.
The Rochdale Programme opened in 1983 as a family centre; the work has changed and developed to reflect local and national needs. Currently there are two main areas of work: **Working with Families Team** is an area-based family support team. It aims to provide family support to reduce challenging behaviour in children/young people through providing individual family/group work with parents and children, and parenting and behaviour management courses. Rochdale **Children’s Rights Team** aims to provide a high-quality, independent and confidential children's rights, advocacy and **independent visitor's service** for children/young people who are in the looked after system.

The Children’s Society in Solihull
Offices 8 & 14 Bosworth Wood Centre, Auckland Drive, Castle Bromwich, B36 0DD, Phone: 02476 520 124
Programme Manager: Jenny.Mahimbo@childrenssociety.org.uk

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The Children’s Society Children’s Centres in Solihull [3 Centres]
Management Centre: Offices 8 & 14 Bosworth Wood Centre, Auckland Drive, Castle Bromwich, B36 0DD, Phone: 02476 520 124 Programme Manager: Jenny.Mahimbo@childrenssociety.org.uk
parents and assistance in helping them find training and employment. The centres also give parents/carers the chance to play with their children in a safe and stimulating environment.

**Castle Bromwich Centre:** Castle Bromwich Children’s Centre: Hurst Lane, Castle Bromwich, B36 0BX, Phone: 0121 248 7661  **Centre Leader:** Kayte.Cronin@childrenssociety.org.uk

**Kingshurst Centre:** Kingshurst Children’s Centre: Kingshurst Primary School, School Close, Kingshurst, B37 6BN, Phone: 0121 248 7659  **Centre Leader:** Kayte.Cronin@childrenssociety.org.uk

**Yorkswood Centre:** Yorkswood Children’s Centre: Yorkswood Primary School, Kingshurst Way, Kingshurst, B37 6DF, Phone: 0121 248 7638  **Centre Leader:** Kayte.Cronin@childrenssociety.org.uk

**The Children’s Society in Tees Valley**
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Tees Valley programme currently support children/young people who have been in trouble with the law or who have themselves been victims of crime. Also delivering services to disabled children/young people, the programme works in partnership with Stockton and Hartlepool Youth Offending Services, delivering solution based mediation services. The programme has a longstanding successful track record of working with the most hard to reach groups, enabling children/young people and their families to find solutions to barriers that they face. The programme has a well established volunteer scheme aiming to reduce the isolation felt by many disabled young people aged 14-24 living in Middlesbrough and Stockton.

**The Children’s Society in Tyne Gateway**

- **Improving Futures Extending the Reach** Service  
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  **Reach Coordinator:** Judith.Paxton@childrenssociety.org.uk

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Since 2012 The Children’s Society is the lead agent to the Improving Futures Extending the Reach programme, working with our partners Tyne and Gateway Trust, North and South Tyneside Councils. The aim is to build on the nationally acclaimed Tyne Gateway Child Poverty Pilot. It targets primary school age children, looking at the issues those classed as ‘not achieving the expected level of development’ are facing and providing a bespoke programme of family intervention and support for those families. The programme trains and employs community members who have experienced similar issues and successfully managed them. Family Entrepreneurs work with families and design and shape intervention and support services to better meet their individual needs. The programme works in six wards that have some of the highest deprivation.
The Children’s Society in Warrington
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The Children's Society in Warrington for many years has provided community-based children’s services. Through individual/group work the programme works with parents, supporting them in developing their skills, knowledge and building stronger social networks helping to improve parent-child relationships. The programme involves children/young people in all aspects of the services, including designing programme activities, the participation of children/young people being central and an ongoing process.

West Midlands Young Refugee Programme
Unit 614/5F The Big Peg: 120 Vyse Street, The Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham B18 6NF, Phone: 0121 236 3968
Programme Managers: Anna.Munro@childrenssociety.org.uk and Melissa.Reddy@childrenssociety.org.uk
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The West Midlands Young Refugee Programme work directly with children/young people and their families who have fled their home countries for reasons of war, persecution and torture providing social activities, advice, information and advocacy support on a broad range of issues which impact on their lives. The Programme services include Press Play; working with asylum seeking children housed in temporary accommodation in Birmingham; Strong Lives Strong Voices (formerly BUMP); befriending young unaccompanied asylum seekers and refugees in Birmingham and Coventry; Destitution Project; working with children and families affected by destitution.

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Ash Valley Children’s Centre
Ash Valley Children’s Centre: Tower Primary School (Mobile), Tower Road, Ware, Hertfordshire SG12 7LP Phone: 01920 468 263 Programme Manager: Lisa.Swailes@childrenssociety.org.uk
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Ash Valley Children's Centre offer support to families with children under 5 and works in partnership with a wide range of organisations in order to deliver services to the community, such as Community Health, Job Centre Plus and the National Childminding Association. The Centre offers a variety of different provisions according to individual needs i.e. childminders, breakfast/holiday clubs and private day care. It runs 'stay and play' sessions, promotes healthy
eating and many activities aiming to encourage an active lifestyle as well as parenting courses tailored to meet communities' needs and requirements, supplying a crèche at a low cost. During school holidays the Centre provides a range of activities to suit the younger children and their siblings.

### The Art Room
The Art Room: Drayton Park School, Drayton Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK2 3HJ Phone: 01908 375 977 Centre Leader: Patricia.Alert@childrenssociety.org.uk

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The Art Room provides a range of services for children, young people and their families on the Lakes Estate in Bletchley, Milton Keynes. Having strong links within the community, the doors open at 8am with a variety of busy activities running throughout the day including Stay and Play and Drop-In's. The centre also offers Family Learning Programmes with courses for families. A Drama Therapist works with emotional and behavioural difficulties. Throughout the year the centre is popular for contact sessions and training events aiming to stop the vicious circle of fear and harm that destroys lives and wrecks community living.

### The Children’s Society in Bedfordshire [3 Centres]
Management Centre: The Annexe, Downside Lower School, Oakwood Avenue, Dunstable, Beds LU5 4AS Phone: 01254 583747 Programme Manager: Lisa.Swales@childrenssociety.org.uk

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The Children’s Society Children’s Centres in Bedfordshire provides a range of services to children aged 0 – 5 years and their families. The centres hold regular play activities throughout the week and additional sessions for under 8’s in the school holidays. These include 'Stay and Play', 'tiny tots' and 'Saturdads' especially for male carers. The centre also hosts other services including Job Centre Plus, Connexions, family law and police surgeries and a baby clinic run by health visitors. Within our grounds we have a benched picnic area and community food gardens maintained by local residents.

**Downside Children’s Centre:** The Annexe, Downside Lower School, Oakwood Avenue, Dunstable, Beds, LU5 5JB Phone: 01582 666 403 Centre Leader: Lynsey.Twyford@childrenssociety.org.uk

**Parkside Children’s Centre:** Hawthorn Park Lower School, Parkside Drive, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, LU5 5QN Phone: 01582 861 528 Centre Leader: Lynsey.Twyford@childrenssociety.org.uk

**Tithe Farm Children’s Centre:** Tithe Farm Lower School, Tithe Farm Road, Houghton Regis Phone: 01582 867 692 Centre Leader: Lisa.Swales@childrenssociety.org.uk
Check Point provides free confidential information, advice and specialist support to young people aged 11-21 who are at risk on the streets. Drop-in services act as the street-level access point for young people where they can talk to a trustworthy adult and get help on a range of issues including housing, sexual health and family relationships, for example counselling, drugs and alcohol issues, family mediation and running away. The programme encourages young people to reach their own decisions and achieve their full potential.

The Children’s Society Children’s Centre in Devon [3 Centres/5 sites]
Management Centre: Trevelyan Building, Fore Street, Seaton EX12 2AN  Phone: 01297 20542
Programme Manager: Richard.Nobes@childrenssociety.org.uk
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The centres offer a range of universal and targeted services including antenatal services, parenting programmes, one-to-one family support service, counselling, physical activity sessions, baby massage, speech and language therapy clinics and groups, and a comprehensive breastfeeding support programme. The centres work closely with a range of agencies including Public Health, Social Care, Speech and Language Therapist, Portage and a range of local organisations, such as Home Start to provide a comprehensive service to families living in the reach area. Families visit the programme for support and advice on all aspects of family life and get information on matters such as child development, parenting, safety, health, housing and employment. The centres also have programmes and activities to support older children and parents and additional sites based within local primary schools to extend their reach.

Axe Valley Children’s Centre: Trevelyan Building, Fore Street, Seaton EX12 2AN  Phone: 01297 20542 Centre Leader: Vicky.Duffy@childrenssociety.org.uk

Marpool Children’s Centre: Marpool Primary School, Moorfield Road, Exmouth EX8 3QW Phone: 01395 226 789 Centre Leader: Rachel.Loram@childrenssociety.org.uk

Littletown Children’s Centre: Littletown Primary School, Honiton Bottom Road, Honiton EX14 2EP Phone: 01404 540 820 Centre Leader: Vicky.Duffy@childrenssociety.org.uk

Additional Sites:

Honiton Children’s Centre: Honiton Primary School, Clapper Lane, Honiton EX14 1QF Phone: 01404 540 820 Centre Leader: Vicky.Duffy@childrenssociety.org.uk

Exeter Road Children’s Centre: Exeter Road Primary School, Exeter Road, Exmouth Phone: 01404 540 820 Centre Leader: Rachel.Loram@childrenssociety.org.uk
Disability Advocacy Programme [DAP]
Unit 2: 51 Derbyshire Street, London, E2 6JQ, Phone: 020 7613 2886
Programme Manager: Parul.Begum@childrenssociety.org.uk
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Since 2000 DAP have worked supporting disabled children/young people who have complex communication needs/impairments by various services; The **Buddying Service** matches Volunteers to disabled children/young people with similar interests and hobbies; The **Disability Toolkit** has over 100 resources to support practitioners to involve and support disabled young people; **Independent Advocacy**; I Want to be Involved Training is designed for professionals working with disabled children/young people providing creative approaches/guidance for involvement; **Independent Travel Training and Travel Buddy Service** provides travel training and buddying to students aged 10-19, with a Statement of SEN, to be accompanied and trained whilst travelling between home and school using public transport with the aim to become independent travellers to and from school; **The Department of Health Sexual Health and Relationships** the programme provides training for professionals to raise awareness and support of delivering sex and relationships.

Essex Young People’s Drug and Alcohol Programme [EYPDAS]
114 Springfield Road: Chelmsford, Essex CM2 6LF, Phone: 01245 493311
Programme Manager: Kerry.Horner@childrenssociety.org.uk
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Essex Young People's Drug and Alcohol Service (EYPDAS) work across Essex supporting young people up to the age of 19 years, and their families, who are affected by drugs and alcohol, whether it's their own use or someone else's. The programme works with various partners offering one to one counselling, schools work, drugs education and prevention. They also work with the Youth Offending Teams and looked after children.

Greenwich Children’s Fund Participation Programme
91-93 Queen's Road, London, SE15 2EZ, Phone: 020 7358 2017
Programme Manager: Paul.Crozier@childrenssociety.org.uk
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Greenwich Children's Participation Programme work with children/young people and professionals who support them to improve their participation in the services they use and strengthen their involvement in decision-making. The work includes; supporting disabled children/young people to have their say on Aiming High provision; **Greenwich Young Offending Services** and co-
delivering **Participation Programmes**; developing forums for looked after children to have their say on the process and share their experience with other looked after children, care leavers and the professionals. The Programme helping them have a real impact on decision-making within Children's Services; helping school councils, children and adults have an influence on the whole school learning environment.

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**Include**

Unit 4, Calford House, Wessex Business Park, Wessex Way, Colden Common, SO21 1WP, Phone: 01962 711511  
Programme Manager: Jenny.Frank@childrenssociety.org.uk  
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Include Programme runs 3 services, the **National Young Carers Initiative, Hampshire Young Carers Initiative** and the **National Family Health Inclusion**. The key objectives include family working, promoting inclusion in the community and school for young carers and all inclusive working, reaching out to vulnerable and excluded groups including black and minority ethnic families, refugee and asylum seeking families and all those affected by immigration controls. The services provide information and advice about young carers and their families both nationally and locally to adults and children’s service providers, health agencies, schools and policy makers.

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**The Children’s Society Children’s Centre in Isle of Wight [5 Centres]**

Management Centre: Isle of Wight Children Centre, Admin Office, Suite C, The Loft, 42 Quay Street, Newport PO30 5BA Phone: 01983 617617  
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The Children’s Society has 5 Children’s Centres on the Isle of Wight offering a wide range of support to all families with children under 5. The centres support families aiming to give their children the best start in life by improving health, education and quality of life. As well as delivering services, each centre also offer services at other venues within the communities, for example health services at Medical Centres and outreach support to local parent/toddler/family homes. Services on offer include stay and play, child minder drop in, adult training with free crèche, counselling, baby massage, dad’s group, young parents group, health services, antenatal support speech and language advice. The centres provide holistic support for children's development and facilitate the return to work of those parents who wish to do so.

**Cowes Children’s Centre**: Love Lane, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 7ET Phone: 01983 291 719  
Centre Leader: Laura.Villa@childrenssociety.org.uk

**East Cowes Children’s Centre**: Beatrice Avenue, East Cowes, Isle of Wight PO32 6PA Phone: 01983 294 701  
Centre Leader: Sue.Gleaves@childrenssociety.org.uk

**Ryde Children’s Centre**: George Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 2JF Phone: 01983 617 617  
Centre Leader: Claire.Steen@childrenssociety.org.uk
The Children’s Society in Kent
Artwise Youth Centre: St. Luke’s Avenue, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 7HS, Phone: 01843 596659
Programme Manager: Ann.Rayment@childrenssociety.org.uk
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The Children’s Society in Kent currently has 3 main areas of work; the programme offers a service for 6 – 16 year old disabled children/young people providing a short break service offering help to integrate and play a full part in their local community, gaining skills and confidence required to challenge discrimination and injustice. The Intergenerational Service; providing opportunities for young and older people to interact, resolve inter-generational tensions and build stronger communities: Youth Achievement Awards; nationally recognised awards help boost participation and encourage young people to learn new skills and engage in their community.

The Children’s Society Children’s Centres in Lewisham [7 Centres]
Management Centre: Evelyn Children’s Centre: 231 Grove Street, Deptford, London, SE8 3PZ
Phone: 0208 691 1064 Interim Programme Manager: David.Wallis@childrenssociety.org.uk

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In 2012 The Children’s Society was awarded a contract to deliver targeted early years services in the London Borough of Lewisham working in partnership with the Pre-school Learning Alliance. The targeted early years services are provided out of 7 children’s centres within Areas 1 and 2 which offer access for children/young people and their families/carers to professional services such as health, education and social care. The three overarching outcomes of the contract are improved parenting and attachment, improved school readiness and prevention of escalation.

Amersham Centre: 75 Amersham Road, New Cross, London SE14 6QQ Phone: 0208 314 7564 Area Coordinator: Janet.Pearson@childrenssociety.org.uk

Besson Street Gardens: Besson Street, New Cross, London SE14 5AE Phone: 0208 314 7564 Area Coordinator: Janet.Pearson@childrenssociety.org.uk

Evelyn Centre: 231 Grove Street, Deptford, London SE8 3PZ Phone: 0208 691 1064 Interim Programme Manager: David.Wallis@childrenssociety.org.uk

Hatcham Oak Centre: 29 Wallbutton Road, Brockley, London SE4 2NX Phone: 0208 314 6706 Area Coordinator: Janet.Pearson@childrenssociety.org.uk
**Ladywell Centre:** 30 Rushey Mead, Lewisham, London, SE4 1JJ Phone: 0208 314 3903  
Area Coordinator: Clare.Smith@childrenssociety.org.uk

**Manor House Centre:** Manor House Library, Old Road, London, SE13 5SY Phone: 0208 314 7746  
Area Coordinator: Clare.Smith@childrenssociety.org.uk

**St Switchuns Centre:** St Swithun’s Road, Lewisham, London SE13 6RW Phone: 0208 314 7746  
Area Coordinator: Clare.Smith@childrenssociety.org.uk

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**London Youth At Risk**  
91-93 Queens Road, London, SE15 2EZ, Phone: 0115 9422 974  
Programme Manager: Paul.crozier@childrenssociety.org.uk  
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London Youth at Risk works directly with young people at risk of sexual exploitation, and with young people at risk of offending. Our **Sexual Exploitation Participation and Training Programme** works with young people to deliver awareness raising training on the issue of sexual exploitation to professionals across London. **Safe Choices Programme** aims to reduce and prevent violent offending by young women through providing one-to-one support for young women and group work programmes for young women and young men.

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**New Londoners Programme**  
The Hub: 123 Star Lane, London, E16 4PZ Phone: 020 7474 7222  
Programme Manager: Clair.Cooke@childrenssociety.org.uk  
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Since 1996 the work of the New Londoners has increasingly focused on supporting young refugees and Roma children. New Londoners currently comprises of five projects: **Refugee and New Migrant Families Project:** until October 2014, advice, advocacy and support for refugee and new migrant children, young people aged 0 to 18 and families in the London boroughs of Croydon, Greenwich, Hillingdon, Newham and Waltham Forest. Our casework involves improving access to primary services. In addition, we provide group work sessions for children and young people and families that increase their confidence, well being and skills, capacity building to community organisations, training to professionals on Roma, refugee and migrant issues, social activities and provide awareness raising sessions. We have also trained young people to become peer-led researchers and to carry out their own piece of research.

**Roma/New Migrants Project:** until December 2013, health and education related advice, advocacy support for Roma and new migrant children, young people aged 3 to 18 and their families in Newham. Also creative arts, social activities, group work sessions and training on Roma issues.

**Young Refugees and Migrants Rights Project:** until March 2013, advice, advocacy and support to refugee, asylum seeking and migrant young people aged 13-21 in the London boroughs of Barking
and Dagenham, Barnet, Croydon, Greenwich, Hackney, Haringey, Hillingdon, Lewisham, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest.

Supported Option Project: until September 2014, advice, advocacy and case work support to asylum seeking and migrant young people with irregular immigration status aged 13-21 across London. Also regular social activities.

Destitution Project: until October 2015, advice, advocacy and case work support to young asylum seekers, migrant young people aged 14-21 at risk of, or already destitute in Croydon, Lewisham, Newham and Waltham Forest. Group work sessions and befriending project.

The Children’s Society in Oxford
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The Children’s Society in Oxford, formally known as the OASIS and Harbour Programmes, provides a range of services to refugees, asylum seekers and new migrant children and young people in schools in Oxford. The Education and Advocacy Service offers learning support and academic mentoring in secondary schools and runs school-based drop-in service providing advocacy, advice and practical help with a range of issues. The service offers afterschool and holiday activities for young people to reduce social isolation and promote integration. The Volunteer Service places local volunteers in secondary schools to provide in-class support and one-to-one help to young people in secondary schools. The school-based Therapeutic Service provides mental health assessment, consultation support and offers therapeutic support to young refugees who are struggling with psychological distress and trauma through individual, group and family work. The Parent Support Service works with families to help families better understand the UK education system and help remove barriers to improve their engagement with their children’s schools.

The Children’s Society Children’s Centre in Plymouth [3 Centres]
Management Centre: Plymouth Children’s Centre, Admin Office, Part Second Floor, Argosy House, Longbridge Road, Marsh Mills, Plymouth PL6 8AD Phone:01752 366795
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The Children’s Centres and Nurseries offer a variety of learning, play and support groups for 0–5’s and their families including Baby Talk, Baby Massage, Baby Clinic and Drop In’s with time to play, chat, learn and relax in a friendly atmosphere. The centres also offer Young Parents Groups for under 25’s, post natal classes, parent forums and local walkabouts for the community including activities allowing children/young people to grow fruit, vegetables and herbs. With community involvement and a huge variety of practical services the centres provide activities that match the ever-changing needs of families with young children.
**Four Woods Children’s Centre and Nursery:** 415 Crownhill Road, West Park, Plymouth PL5 2LN Phone: 01752 366795 **Centre Manager:** Helen.Huntley@childrenssociety.org.uk

**Green Ark Children’s Centre:** Leander House, Fore Street, Devonport, Plymouth PL1 4PW Phone: 01752 565555 **Centre Leader:** Clare.Wasey@childrenssociety.org.uk

**Nomony Children’s Centre and Nursery:** 27 St John’s Road, Cattledown, Plymouth PL4 0PA Phone: 01752 667869 **Centre Leader:** Johanna.Hughes@childrenssociety.org.uk

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**Portage and Befriending Service**
Portage and Befriending Service, Hangleton Community Centre: Harmsworth Crescent, Hove, BN3 8BW, Phone: 01273 749085 **Programme Manager:** Rachael.wilson@childrenssociety.org.uk

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The Portage and Befriending programme responds to the needs of disabled children/young people and their families. The programme offers portage and massage services that work with parents/carers of disabled children aged 6 months to 5 years providing a home visiting service aiming to help children develop and reach their potential. The befriending service supports disabled young people aged 13 to 18 years access community activities of their choice, increasing social skills and confidence, as well as giving their parents or carers a break. All the services have a team of Volunteers carrying out home visits or supporting the young people.

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**Post Adoption Care Counselling**
91-93 Queen’s Road, Peckham, SE15 2EZ, Phone: 020 7732 9089, Fax: 020 72775760 **Programme Manager:** Deborah.Harewood@childrenssociety.org.uk

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Post Adoption and Care provides access to records, counselling, information, advice, tracing and intermediary service for:

Adults adopted from public care and placed for adoption as babies by the Children’s Society between 1936 and 2005 and their relatives.

Adults who were formerly in the Children’s Society’s care and their relatives. The service is regulated by Ofsted.
Children's Rights and Participation in Torbay works with children/young people aged 8-19 (or up to 25 with additional needs), making sure their opinions and experiences influence services in the area. The programme offers advocacy to children/young people in the looked after system and for those involved in the child protection system. Offering participation activities focusing on those considered disadvantaged and seldom heard.

**Secret Jungle**
Northdown House, Northdown Park Road, Margate, Kent CT9 3TP, Tel: 01843 601550 or 07961 101831  
**Programme Manager:** Joanna.Stirlard@childrenssociety.org.uk

The Secret Jungle is an inclusive play garden for disabled children; young people their families and the community. The Programme aims to provide a safe place to meet new people and play. The Programme Workers run schemes with the children/young people and have a timetable of workshops which include teddy bears picnic, arts, crafts, African drumming and circus skills.

**The Children’s Society Children’s Centre in Somerset [2 Centres]**
Management Centre: Croft Way, Wiveliscombe, Taunton, Somerset TA4 2BF Phone: 01984 622150  
**Programme Manager:** Rachel.Grant@childrenssociety.org.uk

The Children’s Society in Somerset has 2 centres, Wiveliscombe and Bishop Lydeard providing support to all under 5’s, their parents and pregnant mothers. The centres are a community resource holding brunches and holiday sessions include older children and members of the community use the food co-op. working in partnership with parents and listening to children is very important to the way the centres work, with the parent’s forum helping to shape and develop our work. Family support and outreach staff provide groups on site delivering the Triple P Parenting programme, drop ins, dad’s group, Bump 2 Baby, monthly family brunches, Baby PEEP where adults and babies learn together, breastfeeding support and numeracy and literacy support.

**Bishop’s Lydeard Children’s Centre:**  
Mount Street, Bishop’s Lydeard, Taunton, Somerset TA4 3LH Phone: 01823 431 807  
**Centre Leader:** Stephanie.Curry@childrenssociety.org.uk
Children’s Participation Programme Wessex (CPP Wessex)
Children’s Participation Project, Wessex: Unit 5, Westway Garage, Marksbury, BA2 9HN, Phone: 01761 479368  Programme Manager: Rachel.Grant@childrenssociety.org.uk
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The Children’s Participation Programme in Wessex specialises in working within rural communities aiming to ensure that children/young people have the greatest chance to influence what happens in their lives and communities. This involves individual work with children/young people as well as lobbying key agencies and organisations to provide the services that children/young people need. The programme's main areas of work are **restorative solutions** and support to communities where there is conflict between young people and adults. Intensive support to children and young people from the Travelling community in Somerset and training and support to schools, pre-schools and other local authority funded services to encourage greater participation and inclusion of children and youth people especially disabled children.

West Sussex Participation Advocacy Programme [PAR]
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The West Sussex Participation, Advocacy and Rights (PAR) programme provides essential services to children/young people in the care of West Sussex County Council. The programme offers support to those who are leaving care dedicated to children/young people’s rights and therefore involve them in all areas of the programme's work providing opportunities for young people to contribute their ideas. West Sussex PAR helps young people in care, children in trouble with the law and disabled young people understand their rights, and ensure they are listened to.
The Children’s Society Children’s Centre in Swindon [4 Centres]
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The Children’s Centres in Swindon work with under 5’s aim to support families to give their children the best start in life by improving health, education and quality of life. The centres offer a one-stop shop of services with access to health visitors, doctors, dentists, midwives, affordable childcare, family information services, breast feeding support groups and Journeys 2 Work (a training and employment advice service). Some of the services offered are training and courses with a crèche drop in activities, activity and advice sessions. By consulting with parents we have been able to produce a yearly planner of activities that they have requested. This has included a range of workshops such as our cooking on a budget workshop and our family finance workshop.

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**Eldene Children’s Centre** | Colingsmeade, Eldene SN3 3TQ Phone: 01793 484100 Centre Leader: Michelle.Woods@childrenssociety.org.uk

**Robert le Kyng Children’s Centre** | Westcott Street, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 5HS Phone: 01793 525830 Centre Leader: Sharon.Rillie@childrenssociety.org.uk

**Salt Way Children’s Centre** | Pearl Road, Middleleaze, Swindon SN5 5TD Phone: 01793 465364 Centre Leader: Kay.Kane@childrenssociety.org.uk

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Waves offers advice and guidance to children/young people up to the age of 20, and keeps those who may be at risk safe from harm. Staff and Volunteers work in a variety of ways giving information, advice and guidance on issues such as relationship difficulties, problems at home, bullying, drug and alcohol issues to applying for benefits and finding safe accommodation. The programme offers family mediation where Parenting Advisors work with parents, carers and young people, usually within the home, offering advice and support during difficult times. The programme offers ‘Stand By’, which is a period of consistent support, used to guide a young person through a difficult time and helping them to find out what services would be most useful for them.
Established in 2005, the Youth Development Programme of the Diocese of London is a partnership between The Children's Society and the Church of England Diocese of London. The partnership draws on the historic roots of The Children's Society and reflects both the continued importance of the link between the two organisations and the Christian ethos upon which The Children's Society is based. This innovative programme has led to the creation of a 3 year written youth strategy that has been forged from the recommendations of young people and youth leaders. The programme works with young people and churches to make this youth strategy a reality, allowing young people to take an active and positive role in their church and/or community.