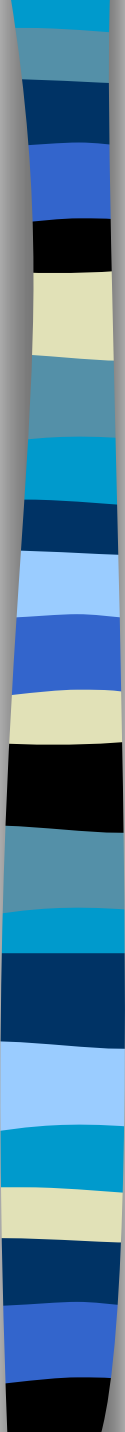




Kids Orchard Partnership





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Provides information, family support, short breaks and access to play and leisure for disabled children, young disabled people and their families across all of Dudley borough.

User-led Ethos



- A Committee of Parent/Carers of Disabled Children have been instrumental in the development of the Kids Orchard Centre in Lye & it's range of services across Dudley Borough
- The parent-led committee, in partnership with Kids, developed the original vision of a 'one stop shop', to provide information and support to disabled children & their families

User-Involvement



- Kids Orchard Partnership maintains a 'user-led' ethos.
- The Kids Orchard Committee is the vehicle for the views of parents/carers of disabled children to be heard within the coalition of groups and agencies holding a stake in the original vision
- Regular consultation and evaluation of services by users

The Lead Agency



- In early stages of development of the initiative the parent-led committee approached Kids to undertake the 'Lead Agency' role.
- Kids – a national charity working with disabled children & those with additional needs for over 30 years.
- Kids has always worked in partnership with parents.
- Kids Orchard Partnership is the 'host' organisation for Dudley Autism Support Group, Physical and Sensory Parents Support Group, PINNT and Dudley Special Youth Forum.



Kids Orchard Staff and Volunteer Posts

Full Time

- Centre Manager
- Deputy Manager
- Centre Administrator
- Lead Inclusion Access Worker

Part-Time

- 1 x p/t (25hr) Deputy Project Co-ordinator – Friendship & Leisure Links
- 4 x p/t (18hr) Inclusion Access Workers – Friendship & Leisure Links
- 2 x p/t (18hr) Family Support Workers – Under 5's Service
- 1 x p/t (12hr) Family Support Worker – Over 5's Service
- 1 x p/t (18hr) Information Officer
- 1 x p/t (6hr) Saturday Club Co-ordinator
- 3 x p/t (5hr) Saturday Club Inclusion Access Workers
- ✓12 Volunteers excluding Parent-led Steering Committee



Some Facts and Figures

- 160 Disabled Children access Direct Service provision weekly
- 50 Non-disabled children access Kids Orchard Centre through Sure Start
- Kids Orchard database contains 560 families throughout Dudley Borough
- Information Newsletter received quarterly by all 560 families
- No criteria based access to services
- Physical and Sensory Impairment/EBD/Autism/MLD/SLD/PMLD
- Children and Young People aged 0 to 19
- Individual assessments for each child and family prior to service provision
- All Services designed to achieve specific ECM and Health Outcomes

Services



- Saturday Club – Drama, Fit Kids! (40 Children per week)
- Information Service (25 Enquiries per week)
- Summer Play Schemes (80 Children over 3 weeks referred by CDT)
- Youth Clubs (20 Young Disabled People aged 13 to 19)
- Friendship and Leisure Links (60 Children aged 5 to 13)
- Family Support/Sitting Services (20 Children and Families)
- Health Walks (10 carers and families)
- Parent Support Groups (Autism, PINNT, Physical and Sensory)
- Dudley Special Youth Forum (25 parent/carers)
- Carer and Toddler Groups (20 children/parents)
- Sure Start (Teenage Mums, Baby Matters, Carers and Toddlers)
- Sign Posting Service
- Relationships and Sexuality Workshops
- Complementary Therapy Sessions

Current Funding



- 2002 – 2007 £1 Million NOF HLC Grant – inc. (£360,000 capital for refurbishment of Orchard Lane Clinic)
- 2002 – 2005 £55,000 per annum Dudley Social Services Play Schemes contract.
- 2004 – 2007 £80,000 per annum Dudley Children’s Fund for Friendship and Leisure Links project.
- £10,000 per annum matched funding from Dudley Social Services Carers Grant for Under 5’s Family Support Service
- Current Annual Turnover is £300,000

Additional Funding 2004-2005



- £10,000 from Lye, Rufford and Wollescote Sure Start for Soft Play and Sensory equipment
- £18,000 from Heart FM for outdoor play equipment
- £15,000 in kind from Baker Tilley Accountancy for Outdoor Play Area
- £10,000 minimum per year from 'Orchard' parent committee.
- £10,000 from 'Grand Charity' for Saturday Club.



The Challenge Ahead...

Future Funding Strategies

Partnership with Directorate of Children's Services

Partnership with Primary Care Trusts

New Commissioned Services

Bid Writing – Lottery, Small Grants etc.

Trust Fundraising by Kids National Fundraising Team

Payroll/Corporate Giving

Friends of the Orchard Scheme

Events

Charity of the Years Schemes



What they say about Kids Orchard Partnership...

“Kids Orchard Partnership is integral to the delivery of high quality services to disabled children and their families in Dudley Borough.”

Team Manager – Dudley Social Services CDT

“I only recently heard of Kids/Orchard Partnership, they do fantastic work with children with many different needs. My daughter has severe epilepsy and the Orchard Centre is the first provision outside of school we have ever found that meets her needs.”

A Parent

“As our child has PMLD and a physical disability what is on offer is usually unsuitable – the Orchard is a lifeline.”

A Parent

“I love to come to the Friendship Groups and Saturday Club at the Orchard – I have made some new friends.”

Matthew – aged 11