

Supporting Older Families: Making a Real Difference



A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE FROM THE OLDER FAMILY CARERS INITIATIVE

15 March 2005 Central London Venue



The Older Family Carers Initiative (OFCI) has aimed to support Learning Disability Partnership Boards across England to implement the parts of Valuing People that relate directly to the needs of older families. Over 100 Partnership Boards have been involved in work with OFCI, and there is an increasing amount of innovative and creative good practice happening in local areas across the country.

LAUNCH OF RESOURCE PACK

Supporting Older Families: Making a Real Difference is the resource pack produced by OFCI. It aims to offer Partnership Boards and anyone working with older families a clear direction for taking work forward. It offers many examples of direct work – on a large and small scale – that have made a real and positive difference to the lives and experiences of older families across the country. The pack will be launched at this event and every delegate will receive a free copy.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Members of Partnership Boards (Learning Disability and Older People)
- Anyone working with older families
- Older family carers wishing to find out how their local area could be supporting older families

WHY ATTEND?

- Opportunity to network and to learn from the good practice happening around the country
- Receive a copy of the resource pack that enables local areas to check how well they are supporting older families and offers a framework to move forward
- Opportunity to influence the messages to be fed back to key policymakers representing older people, people with learning disabilities and carers

PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

Chair: Dr Philippa Russell

10.00	Registration and Refreshments	11.45	Workshops
10.30	Welcome From the Chair and Aims of the Day	12.45	Lunch
10.40	What Makes a Real Difference to Older Families? Dalia Magrill, OFCI Co-ordinator with Elsie and Christine Rutherford, George Harvey and Marion Price, Family Carers.	1.45	Workshops (repeated)
11.20	Findings From the Older Family Carers Initiative Professor Carol Walker, Professor of Social Policy, University of Lincoln.	2.45	Refreshments
11.35	Refreshments	3.00	Valuing People and Older Families Rob Greig, National Director, Valuing People Support Team.
		3.15	Discussion and Questions to Panel
		3.45	The Way Forward and Closing Comments from the Chair

WORKSHOPS

Delegates may choose two workshops to attend. The workshops are designed to demonstrate some of the good practice that is already happening around the country with older families:

- 1 Emergency planning with older families – a systematic approach.**
This workshop will focus on devising, piloting and rolling out a system and tool for supporting older families and services to plan for family emergencies.
- 2 Integrating dedicated workers for older families within assessment and care management structures.**
This workshop will explore the difference a specialist role within a team can make to the way services are able to support older families in local areas.
- 3 Supporting people with learning disabilities as carers.**
An increasing number of people with learning disabilities are providing regular and substantial care to their ageing family carers. This workshop will explore ways of providing support through direct help and through specialist carers needs assessments.
- 4 Working with older families from within an older peoples setting and a generic carers setting.**
This workshop will explore the process of setting up dedicated projects for older families including finding and supporting 'hidden' older families, direct help and linking with other services.
- 5 Developing and implementing strategies for improving support to older families.**
This workshop will outline strategic and partnership approaches that have been used successfully in some areas and have led to positive changes in the experiences and expectations of older families locally.



At the time of going to press this programme was deemed accurate. However, we reserve the right to alter or cancel any part of the programme due to unforeseen circumstances.

Booking Form

I would like to attend the One-Day Conference Supporting Older Families NO OF PLACES

Please complete your details and fax back to 01273 441676 or e-mail to: info@centrevents.co.uk or post to: Centrevents, PO Box 2100 Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5UG. Enquiries to 01273 441676 or 020 8922 1135.

There are a limited number of free places for older family carers. Please state if this is needed on your booking form and we will contact you to confirm. Payment is required in advance. Confirmation of your place and venue details will be sent out once we have received your booking. Cancellations must be in writing by 1 March 2005. We regret no refunds can be made after this date but we accept substitute applicants.

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to Centrevents. If you need an invoice please contact us. Conference fee, per delegate: (£75 +VAT £13.12) total £88.12. Fee includes materials, a copy of the Older Family Carers Initiative resource pack, lunch and refreshments.

Please indicate your workshop choices: FIRST CHOICE No. SECOND CHOICE No. THIRD CHOICE No.

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