



## Southwark Children's Fund 05-07 - Project Information

The Children's Fund is a Government funded partnership initiative, and a key part of the Government's strategy to tackle disadvantage and inequalities. The Children's Fund aims to stimulate a shift towards coherent local preventive strategies for vulnerable children and young people aged 5-13, their families and carers, who may be at risk of social exclusion. The Southwark Children's Fund (SCF) programme for 2005 –2008 has been commissioned to fit closely with Southwark's strategic priorities and preventative strategy.

### Funded Projects

#### The Heartbeat Academy

An arts based, self-development and educational support programme for children needing extra support or who are at risk of exclusion. The project includes activities exploring the transition to secondary school and training for peer mentoring.

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#### New Peckham Varieties - Pathways

A drama based social development and speech and language project delivered in two Southwark Primary Schools. The project also provides an out of school drama group and community theatre programme where a number of free places are reserved for more vulnerable children needing extra support.

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#### Southwark Mobile Sport and Play

A mobile play resource that works with young refugee and asylum seekers living in hostel accommodation as well as providing specifically tailored play work with excluded groups of children who do not access mainstream services.

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### **The Blue Elephant Theatre – Creative Minds**

An inclusive drama based literacy programme delivering in two Southwark Primary Schools. The project also provides an arts based after school club, a transitions summer scheme and a weekly Youth Theatre programme – many of whose participants are referred from statutory and voluntary agencies.

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### **The Place2Be**

A primary school based mental health support and counselling programme for children, staff and parents. This project provides support to significant numbers of children with special needs and young asylum seekers or refugees and their families.

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### **Westminster House - LEAP**

An out of school youth service providing an educational, social skills support and activity based programme for vulnerable children, including literacy, numeracy and homework sessions, and a transitions to secondary school programme.

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### **Kickstart - Junior Youth Inclusion Project (Kickstart Junior YIP)**

(delivered by Crime Concern in Partnership with Southwark YOT)

A programme of activities and workshops provided for a core group of 30 children and young people from the Aylesbury Estate and surrounds, which encourages them to develop social and personal skills whilst diverting them away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

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**Mobile Youth Inclusion Project (Mobile YIP)**

(delivered by the Constructive Leisure Team at Southwark YOT)

This scheme provides a responsive service to identified crime hotspots within the borough. It delivers a range of diversionary activities and key work support for children aged 8-13 who are most at risk of offending.

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**Youth Inclusion Support Panel (YISP)**

(delivered by the Early Intervention Team at Southwark YOT)

The YISP is a multi disciplinary panel comprising of lead professionals from across the statutory and voluntary sector which provides appropriate targeted resources and intervention for the most vulnerable and at risk children and young people in the borough.

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**Violent Crime Project**

(delivered by the Prevention Team at Southwark YOT)

This project is delivered to Year 9 class groups in a number of Secondary Schools and focuses on the causes of violent crime and the repercussions of becoming involved in these types of crime with the aim of reducing levels of violent offending by children / young people and youth on youth victimisation.

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## Ontrack



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Ontrack works in the following schools: Albion Primary  
Camelot Primary  
Gloucester Primary  
John Donne Primary  
Peckham Park Primary  
Pilgrims' Way Primary  
Redriff Primary  
Rotherhithe Primary  
St Francis Primary  
Southwark Park Primary

The following services are offered:

- **Pre-school Education**

Based on Mediated Learning and a worker modelling child-centred interaction within the nursery setting followed by workshops for parents. The model also relates to the Early Learning Goals and makes links locally with Sure Start programmes.

- **Home Visiting**

Targeted service providing support to families where a child has been identified as having a developmental delay, which would impact on them starting and settling into school. Referral processes clarified with schools and local health visitors to ensure children are identified before they start school. Given the role of engaging vulnerable children and parents with school at an early stage, the aim is to introduce the new social work staff to this model.

- **Home School Partnership**

The original Cognitive Education Advantage (CEA) programme has been differentiated within the schools as a result of implementation issues. One school is promoting CEA through a teacher led internal programme and supervision from the head. Other schools have been more willing to accept the Mediated Learning approach with parent workshops and training for Learning Support Assistants. A Transition Programme has been successfully piloted and engages new parents (in the term before their children start Reception).

Social work staff allocated to schools provide home visiting and casework with families referred by the school. Having a base with the Family Support Team will provide a strong link for the school with Social Services and access to additional resources.

- **Parenting Education and Support**

The SPOKES parenting programme will be mainstreamed through training staff from other sectors (Social Services, Education and CAMHS) and by developing stronger link with other CAMHS locality interventions. It is also hoped that parents will become involved as group workers.

### **Family Therapy**

The Parent Teacher Drop In model continues to be effective and expansion will include additional CAMHS input and a link to current community resources as well as clinical supervision of social work staff.

- **Specialist Interventions**
- **Secondary Transfer**

This model supports transfer to Secondary School and has developed a holistic response covering the application process and support for parents as well as targeted input for 'at risk' pupils through the first term of Secondary School. It also provides after school and Summer Holiday programmes to develop cross-school friendships and increase self-esteem through performance based workshops. A buddying system has also been developed so that children are involved in the delivery of the Summer Programme and in the future they will link into the school -based groups.

- **Speech and Language Therapy**

This intervention continues to receive high numbers of referrals. Strategies are being developed to manage the caseload and develop a whole school approach to children's communication difficulties. Staff also co-work with staff delivering the Secondary Transfer support, Transition Programme and Mediated Learning workshops for parents to promote the link with communication issues.