

Worcestershire's Children and Young People's Plan 2008 - 2011

Every Child, Every Young Person, Every Agency, One Plan

Worcestershire Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (Worcestershire County Council, Worcestershire Health Services and Voluntary representatives) have written the Children and Young People's Plan 2008-2011. This is Worcestershire's **vision** and **aims** on how to make our county better for children, young people and their families.

All children's services are assessed by Ofsted, Worcestershire in 2008 was rated to 'Good'. This review shows what Worcestershire has been doing to improve children's services with the Children and Young People's Plan.

The priorities for the Children and Young People's Plan were chosen through research and consultation with children, young people, families and professionals locally.

How well have we done?

In the table on the next page we show what has been done to reach Worcestershire's priorities and what we still plan to do.

Priority	What we have done	What else are we going to do
Be Healthy		
Support all children, young people and their families to choose healthy lifestyles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75% of Worcestershire schools have the Healthy Schools Award www.worcestershire.gov.uk/healthyschools More advice on teenage behaviour, sex and relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start a healthy lunch box project in schools and early years settings Review and redesign sexual health services to make them more young people friendly
Ensure all children have a healthy start to life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraged more mums to breast feed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure 90% of all women see a midwife by the 12th week of pregnancy
Stay Safe		
Identify and deal effectively with bullying and support those affected by it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 76% of schools meet the criteria of the anti-bullying charter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of schools with e-safety software
Ensure that all children and young people are safe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12,771 have been trained to ride bicycles or walk to school safely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide more training to raise awareness of domestic violence

Enjoy and Achieve		
Improve achievement of all children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courses have been run in 21 children's centres to help families www.worcestershire.gov.uk/childrenscentres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support schools who have not reached maths targets Deliver the 1-1 teaching programme in schools
Give children, young people and their families positive things to do and enjoy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1800 positive activities for young people have been run in Worcestershire www.plugandplay.org.uk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange more positive activities for young people
Positive contribution		
Enable all children, young people and their families to have a say.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using the internet and local forums so more young people are having a say www.ycworcs.org.uk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give children, young people, parents and carers from groups who don't normally get involved a chance to meet and share ideas
Economic well-being		
Help young people have chance to learn and train so they can get jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More young people including those with learning disabilities/ difficulties are going on to higher education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep informing young people (aged 14) and their families about the choices they can make
Ensure young people have the skills and support they will need as young adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased housing and support for young adults (18-25) with learning disabilities or difficulties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease the number of young people who are homeless
Make sure that communities are enjoyable places to live.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased affordable childcare in areas of greatest need in Worcestershire www.worcestershire.gov.uk/familyinfo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of places in childcare, holiday schemes and short breaks for children with learning difficulties and/ or disabilities www.worcestershire.gov.uk/ahdc

The Future

In 2011 Worcestershire Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership will be writing a new plan and will want to hear the opinions of as many parents and carers as possible. To stay informed and put your point of view forward contact: Parents Voice Steering Group, Telephone 07595091200, Email info@parentsvoice.co.uk or visit www.parentsvoice.co.uk.

For more information on all of the things Worcestershire has done and still aims to do to meet all of the priorities on our plan, please visit <http://www.worcestershirepartnership.org.uk/home/wcc-edu-cypp-action-plan-2009-2010-v7-2.pdf> for the full document.

