



Parent Champion volunteer role description

Location:

- East Cambridgeshire and Fenland Opportunity Area.

Overview:

- This is a flexible role and requires 4 hours per week to fit around existing commitments.
- Expenses will be reimbursed.
- A Safer Recruitment policy is in place and checks will be carried out before you start.

Volunteering role purpose:

To talk to other parents in the local area to explain the benefits of formal childcare, local services for families and home learning activities. To understand and offer support to overcome the barriers to the use of childcare and local services from a parent's point of view. To record the necessary data and information regarding when and where you meet with parents.

Activities:

- Talking with parents and carers in groups or on an individual basis
- Informing parents on the different childcare options and local family services and activities they could use.
- Signposting parents to Family Information Services (FIS) to provide expert advice on finding and paying for childcare.
- Signposting parents to children's centres and other local organisations to get involved in local activities and services.
- Setting up and/or speaking at information sessions for parents at community events
- Recording all contact and activities with parents as required for monitoring and evaluation of the scheme.
- Ensuring all data monitoring forms are completed and returned to your Scheme Coordinator.
- Attending regular Parent Champions meetings with your Scheme Coordinator and other Parent Champions.
- Sharing good practice across the scheme, local area and in the Parent Champions National Network as required.

Person Profile:

- Someone who can get along with people and understand their world.
- Someone with positive experience of using formal childcare or family activities.
- Someone with an understanding of how to keep children safe and a positive motivation for working with families, children and young people.

Following Parent Champions volunteer training:

- Someone who feels confident approaching and speaking with others.
- Someone who understands the difficulties parents face in using childcare or family activities and the reasons for this.
- Someone who knows potential users of childcare or family activities as well as areas where they may be actively engaged/have good links with parents and other groups in their local community.