



Draft Expression of Interest for developing a community group to help run your local Sure Start Children's Centre

Your contact details:

Name

Address

Telephone number

Email

About your Group:

Roughly how many people are involved? Is the group already formed or are you considering setting up a community organisation that could express interest in running your local children's centre or a particular service within the children's centre?

How would you describe the membership of your group, e.g. parents, community members, residents?

Are any children's centre or local authority staff or other professionals currently members of your group? Could they be members in the future?

About your Sure Start Children's Centre:

Name and address of children's centre

Name of local authority

Do you know who is responsible for running the children's centre now – e.g. is it run directly by the local authority or by another organisation such as a school or voluntary sector provider?

About your proposals:

Why is your group interested in helping to run your local children's centre, what do you see as the benefits?

Are you interested in running the whole children's centre or would you prefer to run a particular service at the centre?

Do any members of the Group have experience of offering similar services or of managing a service to others?

Have you discussed your ideas with children's centre staff or the local authority yet? If so, what did they say?

What type of help would you find most useful in developing proposals, e.g. advice on business planning, legal and financial issues or other advice?

Notes:

Please complete the expression of interest form and return it to parentpaper.SSCC@education.gsi.gov.uk by **19 July 2012**.

Prospective community bodies will need to work closely with children's centre staff and their local authority and ensure that in developing their plans they comply with relevant legislation. We would also be interested to hear from any local authorities who would like to be involved in developing new parent-led management models.

The Department for Education reserves the right to make background checks on applicants' suitability.