

Toolkit contents

Welcome to the *Think Family* Toolkit. This pack is divided into the sections detailed below. The Toolkit is a 'living' document and will be updated when required. When a section is amended, it will be possible to remove the out-of-date section and replace it with a new one.

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Section	Summary
Strategic overview	This section describes what <i>Think Family</i> is, and the Government's programme to support local authorities.
Guidance Note 1: Think Family systems	This note describes <i>Think Family</i> system reforms and ways of working with a range of local services to help them respond more effectively to families with complex needs.
Guidance Note 2: Think Family services	This note describes <i>Think Family</i> services and ways local services can respond more effectively to families with complex needs.
Guidance Note 3: Evidence for Think Family	This note summarises research findings which led to the <i>Think Family</i> approach being promoted by the Government. It covers the impact of intergenerational disadvantage and poor parenting on child outcomes – and how Family Intervention Projects and parenting support are a cost effective response to families with complex needs.
Guidance Note 4: Family Intervention Projects	This note details three types of Family Intervention Projects (FIPs) which aim to target: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) vulnerable families who are persistently anti-social and at risk of homelessness;2) those who are workless and who have significant barriers to work, for example, substance misuse or mental health issues; and3) families with children at risk of offending. Case studies are also included to highlight good practice.

Guidance Note 5: Family Pathfinders	This note describes the local authority Family Pathfinders which have been set up to identify and disseminate good practice. Contact details for each of the Pathfinders are provided.
Guidance Note 6: Parenting Experts and Practitioners	This note describes the role of Parenting Experts and Practitioners in delivering evidence-based parenting programmes to the parents of children and young people at risk of anti-social behaviour, crime and other poor outcomes.
Guidance Note 7: Parenting Early Intervention Programme	This note describes evidence-based parenting programmes for parents of 8–13-year-olds experiencing problems with their children’s behaviour. Key features of a Parenting Early Intervention Programme and the support which is available to local authorities to set them up are described.
Guidance Note 8: Safeguarding and improving the welfare of children	This note summarises legislation on the safeguarding and welfare of children to be considered when developing <i>Think Family</i> reforms and services.
Guidance Note 9: Improving support for young carers	This note describes the Extended Pathfinders for Young Carers which have been set up to identify and disseminate good practice in supporting families with children undertaking significant caring roles. Recommended resources are provided.
Guidance Note 10: Think Family and adult services	This note lists adult services that are available for families and could be considered when assessing family needs.
Annex A	Relevant Government targets and indicators.
Bibliography and references	Background reading material and websites referred to in the Toolkit.

Note: This guidance has been finalised on the basis of comments from a range of senior managers and professionals attending a series of national *Think Family* Conferences held in February and March 2009.