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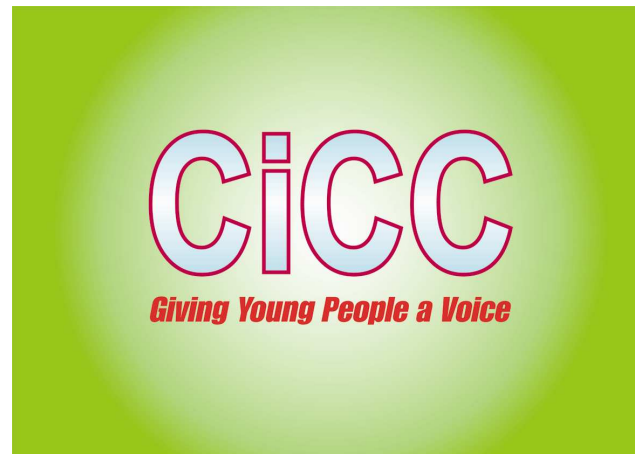


The attached presentation was circulated at the meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel on 3 September 2012. It replaced the incomplete presentation circulated with the agenda.

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The Children in Care Council



The CiCC



- We as members of the CiCC continue to meet on a monthly basis to work through our priorities and continue to promote the work of the CiCC.



- We attended a CiCC open day where we took part in team building exercises and recruited more young people to the CiCC. We currently have 14 members who attend the monthly meetings.



- We will be organising another CiCC open day to recruit and develop a CiCC for younger children and young people.

- Members of the CiCC also attended the Foster Carer Awards to promote the work of the CiCC as well as help with the presentation of awards.

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- We have attended the Regional CiCC meetings organised by the Department for Education. At the last meeting Tim Loughton attended and we gave feedback about Central Bedfordshire's CiCC.

- We continue to attend Foster Carer Training and Information Evenings.

We will be working with the fostering team on developing this training further.

- Members of the CiCC have developed training for newly qualified social workers and will further develop the training for all social workers.

- The CiCC have been involved in interviews for a Personal Adviser and Independent Visitors with NYAS.



Summer Activities



- The summer activities programme has taken place, with around 28 children and young people attending at least one activity.
- The activities were decided by children and young people, the activities included trips to Ice Skating, Gulliver's and Shrek the Musical.
- The feedback from the activities has been very positive.
- Members of the CiCC have acted as Peer Mentors during the activities, younger children in care have talked to peer mentors about different aspects of being in care including issues around contact.

Participation



- Young people attended a residential trip with the University of Bedfordshire Access Team, the residential focused on further and higher education and raising aspirations as well as taking part in some fun, team building activities.



- Young people also attended an Independent Living Skills Programme where they learnt about different independent skills. Eg. cooking and budgeting. They also attended a residential trip.



Awards Evening 2012

- The Achievement Awards will take place on Friday 28th September at Priory House, Chicksands.
- Nominations have started to come in for the awards. The CiCC will be working on the arrangements over the summer holidays.



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- Members of the CiCC have been looking at ways to ensure they represent the views of all Looked After Children and Care Leavers.
- A survey will be sent out to all Looked After Children and Care Leavers – once this has been completed the information will be used to agree the CiCC priorities and work plan.
- The Pledge was launched in 2009 and as part of the survey we will be asking children and young people for their feedback.
- Members of the CiCC have also said that they would like to have their own web site to be able to reach young people out of county.



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Any Questions?