

Leeds Animation Workshop Partnership: Not Too Young to Grieve

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Themes

NCB promotes the voices, interests and well-being of all children and young people across every aspect of their lives. Current and planned work focuses on the six strategic themes. This project relates to the following themes:

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- promoting participation and young citizenship;
 - communicating positive attitudes and images;
 - improving social and economic opportunities;
 - **enhancing health and well-being;**
 - celebrating diversity, valuing difference;
 - developing safe and positive environments;
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Project summary

The project aims to increase the effectiveness of services to parents of young people who have been bereaved through the production of support materials including an animated film on DVD, and accompanying training materials which will be widely disseminated and then evaluated.

Project outcomes

To provide a valuable resource for parents or guardians who are looking after a bereaved baby or small child. The resource will give parents information about the effects of bereavement on children's behaviour, and suggest practical ways to help and support the child. It will be widely distributed, without charge, to Sure Starts, Early Excellence Centres and public libraries, which will ensure that parents and carers can borrow copies. Parents may then share the resource with their doctor or with staff at their child's nursery school to alert professional staff to the support that their child may need.

The widespread dissemination of the resource, which includes training materials, will enable professionals and volunteers to run their own courses aimed at colleagues who are working with parents, or at the parents themselves. The courses will be suitable for groups such as foster carers, child minders, nursery nurses, teachers, adoptive parents, counsellors and GPs. The wide distribution of the resource will also ensure increased provision and greater access to groups that Sure Start is currently prioritising.

Project outputs

Research and produce animated film (LAW).

Develop half-day course for under 5s practitioners (LC, UoL).

Develop user notes for parents (LC, UoL).

Pilot training course (x4) (LC, UoL).

Disseminate 7,500 copies of the resource (CBN and others).

Evaluate complete resource through five focus groups, evaluation sheets and phone interviews (CBN).

Main beneficiaries/target audiences

Parents of bereaved under 5s,

Professionals working with parents of bereaved under 5s.

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