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PEER EDUCATION

Congratulations to Steven & Tracey who gained their 200 hours Millennium Awards for their Volunteer as Peer Educators with Sure Start. They have now interviewed the next group of Peer Educators due to be trained this autumn.

MANAGERS REPORT

News of staff changes - as there is funding for Parenting work for one year, West Lothian has a new Parenting Co-ordinator our very own John Rogers. Although based in Sure Start, John will work a wider group of parents & staff. This year Sure Start has recruited a new development worker - we're delighted to welcome Hazel Ritchie, a nursery nurse who was previously at Armadale Clinic.

The not so good news is that our Dad's worker Peter Johnstone has decided to move on to work with older children. We wish him well we'll miss him load's. We've also said goodbye to Carolanne McGinty our clerical assistant, who wants to do a college course. Good luck to Carolanne too.

Two of our areas of work are entering the COSLA award as part of West Lothian's submission - our Dads Work & Peer Education programme.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Three of our Play Support Workers (formerly known as Creche workers) are studying towards the National Progression Award in Playwork and Childcare. Michelle Giles, Ruth Griffin and Kelly- Ann Thomson are enjoying the part time year long course which is being held one evening each week at West Lothian College. They are able to use their experience of working in Sure Start creches to help them with the course and are being supervised in their studies by Nancy Cameron Early Years Development Worker. Successful completion of the NPA means that they will be qualified to work as Support Workers in a childcare setting and are entitled to register with the Scottish Social Services Council.

West Lothian Council's Early Years and Childcare Partnership as part of its workforce development strategy are funding the course

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PARENTS' FORUM

We now have a Parents' Forum for consultation and discussion about improvements to our service.

GROUPS

Our new group programme has 41 groups running across West Lothian this time - which must be a record. 21 groups are supported by our bank of Play Support Workers.

New groups include "From bumps to babies" Whitburn and Broxburn for new parents who have come through YM2B

Mumz R Uz and Mum N Me also are in Whitburn. and Mum N Baby in Winchburgh, for any parent to drop in on

There is also a new parents group in Blackridge this term.

Sure Start Information Sessions

- ☉ Wednesday 30th September 09
- ☉ Friday 23rd October 09
- ☉ Wednesday 18th November 09
- ☉ Friday 11th December 09

These sessions are for any new staff in West Lothian and will provide information about our services. The sessions are held in the Sure Start Office, Unit G, Kirkton Business Centre, Livingston Village. Sessions start at 9am and last 1 hour approx.

CONFERENCE 2009

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER
2009

NEW RESEARCH, NEW IDEAS?"

To book a place
Contact
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Speakers
Alan Sinclair, Centre for Confidence
Kirsten Bland, Clinical Psychology
Lesley Kelly, Growing up in Scotland

Meet The Team



Paula Huddart
Manager



Karen Love
Senior Social Worker



Sarah Arroll
Social Worker

Our Career Advisers



Moira Dods



Val Mckay

The Early Years Family Workers



Maureen
Gamble



Donna
Williams



Lorna
Fox



Karen
Cunningham

The Early Years Family Workers



Kate
Malcolm



Mhairi
Hall



Denise
Black



Rosalind
Witcombe



Julie
Taylor



Peter
Johnstone



Susan
Duffy



Hazel
Ritchie



Nancy
Cameron

Administrator



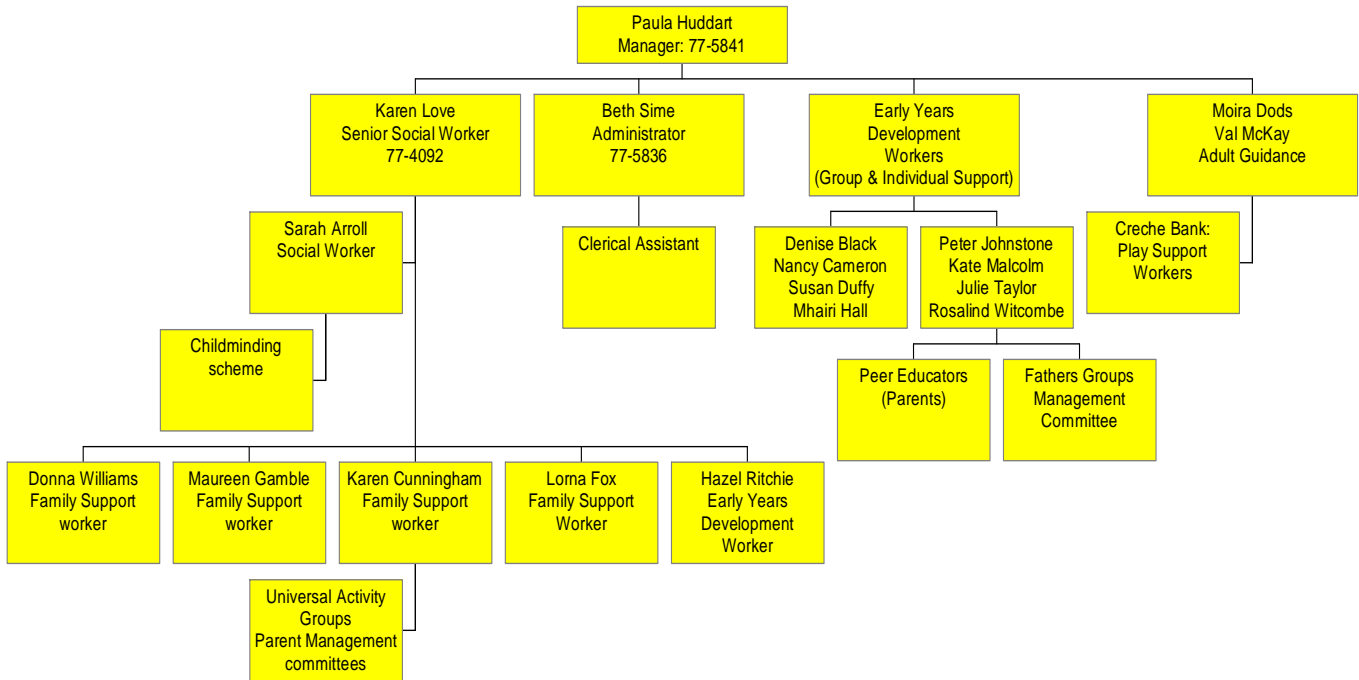
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Parenting West Lothian



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Gathering of Dads



15th July 2009 at Bathgate Sports Centre

Enjoyed by dads and children from Edinburgh, Mid and West Lothian