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Think Child, Think Parent, Think Family Approach

www.familysupportni.gov.uk is an integral part of Think Child, Think Parent, Think Family Approach in Northern Ireland. This approach came about in Northern Ireland as a result of inquiries into the circumstances where children were seriously injured or died. These cases identified parental mental health and deficits in communication and joint working as contributory factors.

www.familysupportni.gov.uk addresses deficits in communication by providing accessible and up to date information on family support services available from Community, Voluntary or Statutory providers throughout Northern Ireland. This information allows professionals, parents and young people to access up to date information on family support services available in their area and provides them with relevant information to ensure that clients are referred/signposted to the most appropriate service to meet their needs.

Joint working is encouraged by including organisations from Community, Voluntary and Statutory organisations that provide a range of family support services at a local level. This website raises awareness within the various sectors of what services are available from a range of providers within their local communities.

The Think Family approach encourages early intervention which often helps avoid problems escalating to crisis level and reduce the number of families and individuals who need intensive support in the future.

Early intervention is facilitated by access to relevant, clear up to date information for Parents and Service Users about family support services which are available to them from within their local communities. These services may be provided from Community, Voluntary and statutory sectors and may involve different professionals and agencies.

Details of many family support organisations are already available on the website. Regular quality assurance ensures that existing information is up to date and the team are constantly working to add to the information available. If you wish to have your organisation's details updated or included on the site please email info@familysupportni.gov.uk or contact us by telephone on **0845 600 6483**.

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