



Southern Area Outcomes Group

Community Intercultural Programme Multiple Realities

Bespoke BME Family Support – Craigavon area

Jan – Dec 2016

Outcome 3

Children and young people will experience good relations, equality and diversity

Background

CIP is committed to supporting people from different community and cultural backgrounds and seeks to be a catalyst in promoting innovation and opportunities for their community development. CIP offers practical assistance to both indigenous & new communities in promoting integration & encouraging full participation in society regardless of race/nationality.

The outcome of the Project is to:

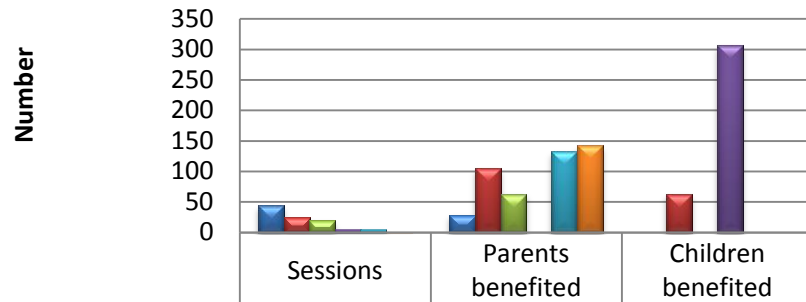
Target bespoke family support to Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Families:-

- Developing support networks in the BME community
- Connecting BME families to statutory and voluntary services
- Reducing isolation for BME families
- Provision of time limited practical support to BME families
- Building resilience within BME families
- Coordinating relevant support networks, including formal and informal
- Undertaking individual work with BME families and their children with emphasises on prevention and capacity building



How much did we do?

Family Support Activities



Activity	Sessions	Parents benefited	Children benefited
One to One Support	44	29	
Parent & Toddler Group	25	105	63
Afterschool Club	20	63	
5 Day Summer Scheme	5		306
Trip	5	133	
Women's Event	1	143	

Placements & Extended Learning:-

- 4 BME young people from local training programme were involved in 10 week placements (5 within this project)
- 5 Trainee midwives from Queen's School of Nursing on 2 day placement within this project to understand BME needs

	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours
Parent & Toddler Group	10	500
Afterschool Club	19	700

5 mums became volunteers in Parent & Toddler group

How well did we do it?

One to One Support	12 mums referred to other support services including trauma centre, social services, helping hands, foodbank, CIP advice service; 20 parents were recruited into projects; and 4 referrals from Family Hub responded to.
Parent & Toddler Group	100% of respondents to a survey stated they felt less isolated as a result of intervention and scored the service as excellent; 3 used volunteering experience to obtain p/t jobs with SureStart, CIP and Childcare Providers; children from 12 different cultural groups benefited; 5 Grandparents benefited from a 5 week project
Afterschool Club	What Parents said:-"our children love this club", "this is the best club in the area", "it is great that our children have somewhere they feel safe and accepted", "it is great that our children are making friends with children from other nationalities and are learning about other cultures".
5 Day Summer Scheme	17 different cultures participated in intercultural 5 day summer scheme

Outcomes - Is anyone better off?

One to One Support (29 Mums)	Parent & Toddler Group (105 Parents/63 children)	Afterschool Club (63 children + Summer scheme 306 children)	Family Events (5 Trips – 133 Parents; 1 Event 143 Parents)	Placements & Extended Learning (4 BME young people; 5 Midwives)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved knowledge of and access to services • Improved emotional wellbeing • Improved resilience to cope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved social networks • Reduced isolation • Improved health and wellbeing • Improved knowledge of BME needs • New friendships • Positive intergenerational activity • Leadership Development • New informal social network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved levels of integration • Development of new friendships • Development of civic leadership skills • Positive cross community engagement • Improved levels of belonging • Usage of shared space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced levels of isolation • Introduction to new places • Improved social networks • Improved integration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of soft skills by BME placements • Development of civic leadership, volunteering skills