

Tayside Parenting Strategy parent's consultation

Being a parent – What matters to you?

Across Angus, Dundee and Perth and Kinross we are developing a Parenting Strategy and we need your views.

To help to develop what is included in this document we would welcome your views on what is important to you as a parent and what we can do to ensure people who have a parenting role, such as parent, grandparents, other relatives, step parents, foster carers etc, feel supported.

1. To help us collate the responses to this consultation please tell us a little bit about yourself. You do not need to provide your name and address or contact information unless you want to be kept informed about the development of the strategy.

- Under 20**
- 20-35
- 36-50
- 51-70
- Over 70

2. Gender

3. Parenting Role (ie parent, grandparent, step-parent, kinship carer, foster carer, etc)

4. Postcode:

5. Please provide your email or telephone contact details if you want to be kept informed about the development of the Strategy:

6. This is what we hope to achieve in Tayside.

“Everyone who has or will have a parenting role is supported to secure positive futures for themselves and their families.”

Do you feel this reflects what you think is most important for parents in your area?

Yes

No

7. What else, if anything should be included in this statement?

8. We think it is important that the Strategy

- Promotes good communication with parents and across services
- Is based on respect for parents and the role they have
- Aims to engage with parents in a way that builds on their strengths
- Make sure services are easy for parents to access and that they feel able to approach them for support
- Addresses anything that is a barrier to a parent being able to be or feel included in services
- Supports good relationships that help services to collaborate with each other and work in partnership
- Supports the development of services that are flexible and responsive

Do you feel these are the most important things we should be thinking about?

Yes

No

9. We feel that the Strategy needs to:

- Make sure that the staff that deliver services for parents are well trained and supported;
- Work closely with communities;
- Make sure services are delivered in a way that helps parents to develop confidence and skills in their role as a parent
- Make sure services consider the needs of everybody in the family; and
- Help services used evidence of what works to develop and improve how they engage and support parents.

Do you feel these are the most important things we agree to do?

Yes

No

Click here to see a summary of what we have used to know about the needs of Parents and Families in Tayside.

10. Does this information tell us about the things that are important to families?

- Yes
- No

11. Is there other information that would tell us more about the needs of parents?

There are a number of services that provide support to all parents at some point in their child's life, such as Maternity Services, Health Visiting Teams, Early Learning and Childcare services and schools. In addition to this support there is a range of programmes in Tayside to support parents in their role. These programmes are:

- Family Nurse Partnership
- Infant Massage
- Peep Learning Together Programme (LTP)
- Incredible Years
- Five to Thrive
- Strengthening Families

12. Have you been involved or used any of these programmes? Yes/No

- Family Nurse Partnership
- Infant Massage
- Peep Learning Together Programme (LTP)
- Incredible Years
- Five to Thrive
- Strengthening Families
- Are there any other programmes that worked well for you?

What do we need to focus on improving?

We think parents would welcome improvements in the following areas:

- Parents have access to good quality information that supports them plan for and meet their family's needs
- Communities are inclusive, understand children's needs and support families to thrive
- Families have access to effective services that are delivered by a skilled and confident workforce that values the role of parents.
- Policies that affect family life are supportive and deliver positive outcomes

Below are more specific ways in which we could plan to deliver these improvements and an opportunity for you to give feedback on these.

Improvement area 1 - Parents have access to good quality information that supports them plan for and meet their family's needs. To deliver improvement will ensure:

- Good quality, accessible information is available to support families to understand child development and how they can help children and young people to develop healthily.
- Parents have access to information that they trust, are relevant to their needs and help them make informed decisions.

13. Do you agree that this should be a priority?

- Yes
 No

14. Are these the right things to concentrate on to deliver improvement?

- Yes
 No

15. Is there something more important that we should consider?

Improvement area 2 - Communities are inclusive, understand children's needs and support thriving families.

To deliver improvement we will ensure:

- Parents, children and young people are valued members of society with a voice that informs decisions about them.
- Communities recognise and support parents, children and young people to develop healthily.

16. Do you agree with this priority and how we will deliver it?

- Yes
- No

17. Are these the right things to concentrate on to deliver improvement?

- Yes
- No

18. Is there something more important that we should consider?

Improvement area 3 - Families have access to effective services that are delivered by a skilled and confident workforce that value the role of parents.

To deliver improvement we will ensure:

- Staff have a shared values base and commitment to agreed outcomes
- Good communication and partnership working across services and boundaries
- Data and information is used to make informed decisions about what services and programmes are delivered to meet parents' needs.
- Staff feel valued and able to make decisions confidently knowing they have the support of their senior managers.
- Support is delivered at an appropriate level to meet the needs of families.

19. Do you agree with this priority and how we will deliver it?

- Yes
- No

20. Are these the right things to concentrate on to deliver improvement?

- Yes
- No

21. Is there something more important that we should consider?

Improvement area 4 - Policies that affect family life are supportive and deliver positive outcomes

To deliver improvement will ensure:

- Guidance is available to ensure decision makers understand the challenges parents experience and how policies can affect family life
- Good quality information and robust research base to inform policy and service planning.

22. Do you agree with this priority and how we will deliver it?

- Yes
- No

23. Are these the right things to concentrate on to deliver improvement?

- Yes
- No

24. Is there something more important that we should consider?

25. Is there anything that has not been mentioned in the survey that is important to you in your parenting role?

Please send the completed survey to Fiona Mackay, Service Manager, Education and Children's Services, Perth and Kinross Council, 2 High Street, Perth PH1 5PH.

