

# Priority Families In Nottingham City

## The Troubled Families Programme



Department  
for Work &  
Pensions

- Life changing
- Improving
- Partnership
- Caring
- Whole Family



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Why we need to turn troubled families around



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Children who grow up in a home where there is domestic violence are more likely to become perpetrators or victims of domestic violence as adults

Source: UNICEF, *Behind Closed Doors: The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children* (2006)



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- **Children in workless households are 3 times more likely to live a life on benefits**
- **Being unemployed can lead to depression and mental health problems**
- **Being unemployed can lead to drug and alcohol addiction**
- **Unemployment can lead to crime and anti social behaviour**
- **Unemployment can lead to truancy from school**

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## All About Partnership!

**DWP**  
**Local Authority**  
**Schools**  
**Health**  
**Police**  
**Employers**  
**Providers**  
**FAMILIES!!!**



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## Activities undertaken to get families back into work. What is working well?

- DWP staff training the Family Support Workers
- Working closely with Accredited Practitioners
- Holding surgeries and workshops
- Updating the Priority Families website
- Shared e-mail account
- Direct work with families
- Traineeships
- Apprenticeships
- Sector Based Work Academies
- Solution focused approach
- Strength based interview techniques
- Understand the whole family, role modelling siblings for example



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## What are the Challenges?

- Nottingham City still does not have a whole family approach across all areas
- Some LA and Partner staff are not engaged with the whole family model
- Changes from the benefit system to the world of work and earning can be worrying for families and this makes them reluctant to go into work
- Nottingham City have some of the most challenging social issues-gang membership, DVA, ASB for example
- The PF team may be losing their Programme Manager who has been instrumental in making phase 1 a success and has co-ordinated the successes of 1200 families



## What can the Partnership do to Support?

Always important to hear the voice of the child, but the root cause of the problems with the child may be the rest of the family.....

The Children's Partnership Board could support by recognising that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.....

