

## The Looked After Children Education Achievement Team

### DATE CHANGE: Designated Teachers Conference - 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006

After the success of the first Conference in September 2005, the LACEA team will be holding a second Designated Teachers' conference on the **3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006** at the YMCA Stockwell.

The main focus of the conference will be to develop the understanding of the impact that being in care has on the social and emotional needs of LAC and its effect on learning.

To book your place, please contact Gurmeet Khurana on Tel: 020 7926 9958 or [gkhurana@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:gkhurana@lambeth.gov.uk).

### Information for professionals: Lambeth Looked after children education achievement website

New sections have been added to the LACEAT website. The site provides advice and guidance information for professionals involved in the care and education of children and young people looked after by Lambeth.

The updated site includes letter templates, a PEP checklist, suggested PEP questions as well as links to other relevant CYPS pages and related websites that offer advice and guidance to help support the education of Looked after Children.

If you have any suggestions/ ideas/comments on further developing the website please contact the team.

To view the website go to:

[www.lambeth.gov.uk/Services/EducationLearning/LookedAfterChildrenEducation](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/Services/EducationLearning/LookedAfterChildrenEducation)

### Training update

The first PEP training session for teachers and social workers of the 2006-07 year was run on 6<sup>th</sup> July 06. It was well attended and positively evaluated by attendees. The next PEP training will be on the **7<sup>th</sup> December 2006** at International House, Brixton.

A training session, 'From PEPs to SEFs' for school governors, was also provided by the LACEAT team on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006. The training covered new guidance for governors in 'supporting looked after learners', as well as education statutory guidance, PEP's, school self evaluation and working with the designated teacher.

### PEP quality assurance exercise

The council is committed to ensuring that all looked after children have a high quality PEP that meets their educational needs. The LACEA Team have been developing an effective tool to assess the quality of plans to ensure that these documents enable children to access good quality education provision and achieve good educational outcomes.

The team have recently completed an exercise to test this quality assurance criteria for PEPs. The process has involved measuring a sample of 'live PEPs' against agreed standards as a way determining effectiveness.

A report on the interim quality assurance is being prepared for senior CYPS managers which will show that the majority of PEPs are meeting the set standards. Further details will be available in the next Newsletter.

*Issue 10 of LACEAT Team News will be available in September 2006. Until then the team wish you a very relaxed and enjoyable summer break.*