

The Looked After Children Education Achievement Team

Personal Education Plan (PEP) Training

LACEAT is running further training on completing PEP for looked after children. The sessions are open to designated teachers, social workers and others who work closely on improving outcomes for LAC. The training will provide clarity on the Lambeth PEP process and are would be especially useful for colleagues new to the borough or unfamiliar with this area of care planning.

Venue: International House
Time: 9:00am – 11:30am
Dates: 7th December 2006,
11th & 23rd January 2007
1st & 27th February 2007
8th March 2007

Places are allocated on first come first served basis and therefore it is advisable to reserve you place soon. Please contact Gurmeet Khurana on 020 7926 9958 to confirm your place.

Working With:

This section highlights how key areas of LAC education achievement work are being embedded within other CYPS services and partner agencies. This month:

School Admissions

The LACEA team have worked closely with social workers and Lambeth Admission Service to ensure that applications for LAC to start primary and transfer to secondary schools have been made on time and that all evidence has been provided to assist the process.

As well as outlining the standard application process, an admissions protocol has also been developed to clarify the timing, procedures and people responsible for accessing a school place for LAC at all times of the school year.

This strengthens the council's commitment to LAC and should improve accessing places at schools of their choice.

Last year 80% of LAC moving from primary to secondary school received their first preference school place.

Government Green Paper- Summary

The government has recently released a green paper, Care Matters: Transforming the Lives of Children and Young People in Care for consultation. It contains a number of proposals which aim to impact positively on education outcomes for LAC. These include:

- Local authorities given the power to direct admission - in attempt to overcome the problem of LAC accessing school places
- Individual bursaries to support LAC education
- Better corporate parenting - improving placement choice and stability
- Improved standards for Foster Carers

The full document and a summary version can be accessed via the care matters site:

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/publications/carematters/index.shtml>

The local authority will be consulting with teams before submitting its response to the proposals in January 2007.

LAC Awards Ceremony 2007– Reminder

The closing date for nominations for awards is **30th November 2006**. For further information on this event please contact nlynam@lambeth.gov.uk

Thank you for your co-operation with this request.