

The Looked After Children Education Achievement Team

Reminder: Designated Teachers Conference - 3rd October 2006

As mentioned in the July edition of the newsletter, we are holding our second designated teachers conference on 3rd October 2006.

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

School Audit

The LACEA team will be carrying out its 3rd audit of all LAC currently attending Lambeth schools during September. We want to ensure that we have up to date and accurate information on *all* LAC in Lambeth schools regardless of their home borough. Schools will receive an audit sheet **via an email to the school administrator**. This will contain current information held by Lambeth CYPS. We would greatly appreciate the co-operation of designated teachers in updating the audit sheet and returning it to us via email or post by **Friday 20th October 2006**.

If you have any questions regarding the audit sheets, please contact **Gurmeet Khurana**.

Sharing Good Practice – School Visits

LACEAT is always keen to ensure that it are supporting key partners with relevant information and guidance to improve educational achievement of LAC. As a means of collating good practice, members of the LACEA team will be visiting schools to discuss the role and remit of the designated teacher as a conduit for accessing support for LAC within school. The good practice case studies derived from these meetings will be collated and posted on a special section of the LACEA website. **We will keep you posted.**

Working With:

This is a new section to highlight how key areas of LAC education work are being embedded within other CYPS services and partner agencies.

School Advisory Service

The LACEA team's work on ensuring that services across the council are aware of their role in improving outcomes for LAC continues to gather pace. LACEAT's Teaching and Learning Consultant has been working with members of the Lambeth's School Advisory Service (Standards Team) to ensure that the looked after children agenda is also a part of their agenda. The aim is that key LAC issues are raised and addressed with schools to ensure LAC are monitored and their educational needs addressed and met where appropriate.

Cross Borough Initiatives- Foster Care training

Over the summer break, the LACEA team have been developing links with colleagues from other local authority LAC education teams as a way of developing a common approach towards supporting LAC, who because of high mobility rates, are often placed outside the borough that cares for them.

Joint training for foster carers is currently being piloted with the LAC education team in Croydon, which houses and educates a large number of Lambeth looked after children. This will see materials and training sessions developed and offered over the next few months. If successful, it is hoped this model can be extended to other neighbouring boroughs and lead to further collaborative work on LAC education issues.