

Objectives

The programme will work with children and their families with the following objectives:

- To provide early planned interventions to children at risk of offending
- To support children in need and their families
- To provide support to parents/carers
- To build on the resilience and strengths of children and their families
- To encourage children to interact with local support services (e.g. youth clubs etc.)
- To work together with relevant statutory and voluntary agencies in the provision of services to children and their families.



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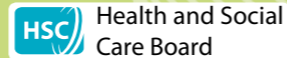
Child & Parent Support

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Information for Referrers

Aim

The Child and Parent Support (Caps) programme provides intensive support services to families whose children (aged 8-13 years) are at risk of engaging in anti-social or offending behaviour.

Referral Criteria

The following children will be considered for admission to the project:

- Children in the 8-13 age range who reside in the Belfast or Southern Trust area
- Children who are at risk of engaging in anti-social or offending behaviour
- Children whose home/school placement is at risk

Referrals will be considered from:

The Youth Justice Sector:

Community Services Projects } Youth Justice Agency
Youth Conferencing }
Probation Board for Northern Ireland }
Youth Diversion }
NIACRO Continuum }

The Childcare Sector:

Social Services Family Centres
CAMHS (Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service)
NSPCC
Child Paediatric Service
Family Support Hubs

The Education Sector:

Education Psychology Service
Education Welfare Service
Behaviour Support Service

Services

Caps provides a range of preventative services which work on the strengths and abilities of the child and his/her family. Work programmes are created, based on the needs of the individual child/family and may include:

- Individual work
- Family work
- Group work
- Education/Social education
- Parenting programmes

Activities also form part of the work at Caps.

Expectations of you as a referrer

As the referral agent, you will be expected to complete the Caps referral form and attend a referral meeting, as well as follow up reviews if appropriate.

