



## **EARLY HELP**

Camp 4-2-11's Early Help Offer is about children, young people and families getting the right help at the right time, before issues get worse. All children receive Universal Services however some children will need extra support in order to be healthy, safe and to achieve their potential. We want all our children and young people to achieve the best possible outcomes and receive the support they need when they need it most. Any child may benefit from early help, but all camp staff should be particularly alert to the potential need for early help for a child who:

- is disabled and has specific additional needs.
- has special educational needs (whether or not they have a statutory Education, Health and Care Plan).
- is a young carer.
- is showing signs of being drawn in to anti-social or criminal behaviour, including gang involvement and association with organised crime groups.
- is frequently missing/goes missing from care or from home • is at risk of modern slavery, trafficking or exploitation.
- is at risk of being radicalised or exploited.
- is in a family circumstance presenting challenges for the child, such as drug and alcohol misuse, adult mental health issues and domestic abuse.
- is misusing drugs or alcohol themselves.
- has returned home to their family from care.
- is a privately fostered child.

We recognise that pupils with SEND and have communication difficulties can be more prone to peer isolation than other children and can have possible abuse put down to their SEND and communication difficulties. We are committed to giving these children pastoral support to these children. We recognise the importance of contextual safeguarding, which simply means assessments of children should consider whether wider environmental factors are present in a child's life that are a threat to their safety and/or welfare. Gloucestershire have built one integrated, holistic Graduated Pathway of Early Help and Support. This pathway will enable practitioners to work with children, young people and their families ensuring they



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receive the right support when they need it most. The purpose of early help is to prevent issues and problems becoming serious and harmful to the child, young person, family and community. When children and families need this extra support, they need it quickly. Provision of early help support can be at all stages of a child's life; pre-birth, during pregnancy, childhood or adolescence. Early Help in Gloucestershire – utilised by Camp 4-2-11. We believe that families are best supported by those who are already working with them, with additional support from local partners arranged as needed. Children and families are entitled to early help if and when they need it. It may also be provided through an increase in the levels of universal services, or services provided or commissioned in localities. When children and families need additional support, a coordinated multi-disciplinary approach led by a Lead Practitioner is usually best. When families -and professionals who are helping them - need more support, this can be requested from Early Help Partnerships. There are six Early Help Partnerships across Gloucestershire, and each has a fortnightly Allocations Group. These are made up of representatives of services who decide the help that's needed and offer advice, guidance and support to Practitioners. These groups are supported by Families First Plus teams in each District. To access support, a Request for Support form needs to be completed along with a Consent form from the family and sent to your locality Families First Plus inbox.

The developed pathway and supporting tools can be found at [glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk). For more information, please contact your local Families First Plus team:

Cheltenham	<a href="mailto:cheltenhamearlyhelp@gloucestershire.gov.uk">cheltenhamearlyhelp@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a>	01452 328160
Cotswolds	<a href="mailto:cotswoldsearlyhelp@gloucestershire.gov.uk">cotswoldsearlyhelp@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a>	01452 328101
Forest of Dean	<a href="mailto:forestofdeanearlyhelp@gloucestershire.gov.uk">forestofdeanearlyhelp@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a>	01452 328048
Gloucester	<a href="mailto:gloucesterearlyhelp@gloucestershire.gov.uk">gloucesterearlyhelp@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a>	01452 328076
Stroud	<a href="mailto:stroudearlyhelp@gloucestershire.gov.uk">stroudearlyhelp@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a>	01452 328130
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