



CONFERENCE

Engaging with parents of children
at risk of violence



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#YEFEngagingParents

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About us



Our vision

A world where no child or young person becomes involved in violence.

Our mission

We're here to prevent children and young people becoming involved in violence. We do this by finding out what works and building a movement to put this knowledge into practice.



Our commitment to equality

Children and young people from marginalised backgrounds – including Black and Asian children and young people and children with experience of the care system – are significantly overrepresented in the youth justice system.

If we don't work alongside our partners to understand and address this inequality we can't achieve our mission. We know we can do better and we're determined to be part of the solution. We'll strive to make sure that our staff, our partnerships, our governance and our funding reaches and represents the children we are here to serve.

Introduction

Welcome to the Youth Endowment Fund's Engaging with parents of children at risk of violence conference.

The YEF's mission is not just to find what works to prevent children becoming involved in violence, but also to build a movement to put this knowledge into practice. That's why I'm thrilled you're joining us today. Together, we'll delve into insights from evidence-based parenting programmes and hear from expert speakers working across the children's services sector.

We understand the crucial role of a supportive home in keeping children safe from harm. That's why our research focuses on understanding how to best support families facing challenges to help them create a safe, loving environment at home.

Central to the success of parenting programmes is effectively engaging parents and caregivers.

That's why we are so keen to wrestle with questions like:

- What are the barriers to effectively engaging with parents and caregivers?
- How can we overcome these barriers?
- What does 'effective engagement' look like in practice?
- What difference does it make to a programme's impact?

These are tough questions, but throughout today's conference, we'll hear from practitioners, researchers and policymakers who are dedicated to finding the answers.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. We hope you find today both insightful and inspiring, and we look forward to connecting with you again at future engagement events.

Warm regards,

Jon Yates
Executive Director

Morning Programme

09:30–
10:00

REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS

10:00–
10:15

Welcome & introductions

Jon Yates, Executive
Director, YEF

10:15–
10:35

Opening presentation &
Keynote speaker

David Johnston MP,
Minister for Children

10:35–
10:55

Children’s Commissioner
for England: Keynote
Speaker

Dame Rachel de
Souza, Children’s
Commissioner for
England

10:55–
11:15

Evidence-based parenting
interventions for children at
risk of violence

Ben Lewing, Assistant
Director, Foundations

11:15–
12:15

WORKSHOPS:
Embedding evidence-based
parenting programmes effectively
in local authority areas

- Triple P UK Ltd
 - EPEC/SLaM
 - Family Rights
Group
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12:15–
13:00

LUNCH

Afternoon Programme

13:00– 13:20	Afternoon Keynote	Helen Hayes MP, Shadow Minister for Children
13:20– 13:40	DfE Practice Principles for responding to child exploitation and extra familial harm – working with parents.	Dez Holmes, Director, Research in Practice
13:40– 14:00	Parents as partners in local authority area safeguarding arrangement for children at risk outside the home	Professor Carlene Firmin, Durham University Contextual Safeguarding Team
14:00– 14:30	PANEL DISCUSSION: Working with Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic Parents & Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Race Equality Foundation• YEF• Foundations
14:30– 14:45	COFFEE BREAK	
14:45– 15:45	WORKSHOPS: Parents as partners – working with parents for children at risk of violence outside the home	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ivison Trust• East Sussex County Council• Southampton Council
15:45– 16:00	Sum up and close of conference	Emma Jenkins, Director of Change, YEF

Morning Workshops

POWER OF PEER

Jo Nicoll Joint Head for Parent and Child Support, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust

Lorraine Campbell Parent Group Leader, EPEC

An introduction to 'Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities' peer-led parenting groups, manuals and the system and structure of support for parent group leaders delivering groups within their communities. Experiential learning activity and exploration of how starting with parents looking after themselves allows space to think about how they are supporting their children. Understanding implications for outreach and parent engagement and how to maximise reach.

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ENGAGING PARENTS WORKSHOP – POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMME

Sarah Martin Service Manager Family Intervention Service, Sheffield City Council

Dr Claire Halsey Implementation Consultant for Research & Trainer Clinical Psychologist, Triple P UK Ltd

Kimberley Whittle Implementation Consultant, Triple P UK Ltd

The workshop will provide an overview of the Triple P system and evidence base and how this can be introduced to parents of children who may be at risk of violence and anti-social behaviour. Alongside Sheffield Council, we will identify common challenges as well as key strategies and best practice around engaging parents in parenting programmes.

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GIVING FAMILIES A VOICE – FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCES AND THEIR APPLICATION IN YOUTH JUSTICE SETTINGS

Sean Haresnape Family Group Conference & Lifelong Links Practice Lead, Family Rights Group

This workshop will consider the use of Family Group Conferencing (FGC) in the context of young people who are involved in, or at risk of involvement in criminal activity. Participants will have the opportunity to hear about the FGC model and how it has been used in Youth Justice settings in the UK and internationally. We will explore the challenges of working with young people who offend, their families and the victims of offending behaviour and how the FGC process is able to effectively balance the needs of all participants to reach a restorative conclusion. We will also consider some direct practice examples and there will be opportunity for participants to explore the issues involved in these.

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Afternoon Workshops

RISK OUTSIDE THE HOME PLANS: INVOLVING PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Laura Tanner Independent Conference Chair - Risk Outside The Home (ROTH) Lead, Southampton City Council

This workshop will focus around the learning and feedback from parents who have been involved in Risk Outside The Home (ROTH) Meetings/Planning, as an alternative to Child Protection Conferences/Planning, for young people experiencing or likely to experience significant harm in extra-familial settings.

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COLLABORATION AGAINST CHILD EXPLOITATION

Nicola Maxwell Strategic Lead for Specialist Adolescent Services, East Sussex County Council

Amanda Singhateh Parent Mentor, S.A.F.E.R. Keywork Team, East Sussex County Council

We will be sharing some of the work we are undertaking in East Sussex to support parents and carers who's children are at risk of exploitation and serious violence. Delegates will be able to hear from a parent with lived experience about her reflections on the project and her role as a parent mentor in supporting others.

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RELATIONAL SAFEGUARDING: HOW TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Lindsay Dalton CEO, Ivison Trust

Dr Sarah Hall Research Consultant and Senior Trainer, Ivison Trust

During the workshop we will explore how the relational safeguarding model combined with contextual safeguarding approaches achieve better outcomes for children and families affected by extra familial risk and harm. We will share the evaluation of sites adopting the models and hear affected parents experiences.

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OPENING KEYNOTE

A portrait of David Johnston, a man with short brown hair, smiling, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and blue patterned tie.

David Johnston OBE MP

**MINISTER FOR CHILDREN,
FAMILIES AND
WELLBEING**

David Johnston was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Education on 31 August 2023. He was previously Chief Executive of the Social Mobility Foundation, a charity which runs a range of programmes that incorporate mentoring, internships, university application support and skills development to help young people from low-income backgrounds enter universities and professions.

In addition to being a governor at Pimlico Academy, David is a governor of a sixth form college in London and is on the board of an organisation for 11 to 16 year olds in Oxfordshire.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dame Rachel de Souza

**CHILDREN'S
COMMISSIONER FOR
ENGLAND**

Dame Rachel is a nationally recognised educator and advocate for improving the life chances of disadvantaged children. Before her appointment as Children's Commissioner, she founded and led the Inspiration Trust, a family of fourteen schools in East Anglia. The Trust was twice ranked as the nation's top group of comprehensive schools based on pupil progress at GCSE. She was made a Dame in 2014 for services to education.

Dame Rachel was appointed Children's Commissioner for England in 2021. In the role, Dame Rachel conducted the largest-ever survey of children 'The Big Ask' with over half-a-million responses on the issues that were most important to children post-pandemic.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Helen Hayes MP

**SHADOW MINISTER FOR
CHILDREN AND EARLY
YEARS**

Helen Hayes is the Labour MP for Dulwich and West Norwood, first elected in 2015. Helen currently serves as the Shadow Minister for Children and Early Years focusing on childcare, support for children with special educational needs and disability, and children's social care. Before entering Parliament, Helen was a town planner for twenty years, working with communities to deliver new jobs and homes, and a councillor in Southwark from 2010 to 2016. Helen was previously a member of the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee and the Environmental Audit Committee.

Conference Speakers



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Conference Speakers



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EMPOWERING
PARENTS
EMPOWERING
COMMUNITIES



Family
Rights
Group



protecting
children, supporting
families



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Name: 110RRGuests

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Conference feedback form

We would be grateful if you could spare 10 minutes to provide us with some feedback on your conference experience.



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