

Family Hubs and Start For Life Programme



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Programme Summary

Southampton has been identified as one of **75 Local Authorities** who are eligible for **additional funding** to support the establishment of a 'start for life' offer and **family hub network** in the City.

Start for life is a **commitment** to delivering support to families **from conception to the age of two** to ensure that all children have the best start to life possible

Family Hubs are a **place-based** way of **joining up locally** in the planning and delivery of support to families. Family hubs offer support to families of children with all ages, 0-19 or up to 25 for families with children with special educational needs and disabilities. Family hubs incorporate the start for life offer.



What is a Family Hub?

All families need support from time to time to help their babies and children thrive, whether that's from family, friends, volunteers, or practitioners. Our ambition is for every family to received the support they need, when they need it. All families should have access to the information and tools they need to care for an interact positively with their babies and children, and to look after their own wellbeing.

A family hub is a welcoming place where services can be accessed by parents-to-be, parents, carers, families and young people in one place. A family hub will be an information gateway to families. When accessing the family hub, they will be able to find out about all the services delivered anywhere within the network, and how they can access them. Families will be able to find out about open-access services and will be connected to targeted and specialist services where needed.

Start for Life and Family Hub Programme guide
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