



Centre for Excellence and Outcomes: in Children and Young People's Services

The Centre for Excellence and Outcomes in Children and Young People's Services (C4EO) is a dynamic organisation, developed for the children's sector, from the children's sector.

C4EO identifies and coordinates local, regional and national evidence of 'what works' and uses this information on effective practice to support local authorities and their Children's Trust partners in improving outcomes for children, young people and their families. To find out more about C4EO visit www.C4EO.org.uk.

Innovative tools – C4EO Progress maps

A major part of C4EO's work is the development of our innovative Progress maps. These are interactive tools, developed to help professionals access and apply C4EO's 'what works' evidence -, which has been shown to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families. Each map consists of:

- a summary – containing key messages from research findings, background information and stakeholder views, and their implications for local service improvement
- a resource directory – with links to tools, publications and resources, online communities of practice, references from the knowledge review, C4EO events and validated local practice examples
- data visualisation tools – providing users with immediate access to relevant up-to-date data

displayed in easy to understand maps and tables, the facility to compare data at national, regional and local level and tools for customising and downloading data and reports for local use.

Visit the Early Years theme to see the progress maps currently available

Help us improve outcomes for children and young people

We plan to implement a number of improvements to the data visualisation tools in August 2009, including:

- accessibility: improved ease and speed of use
- relevance: facility to save customised data views, profiles and reports
- format: facility to download datasets in excel and save maps as PDF files

Alongside these developments we want to set up a user group to help us determine the next phase of developments and improvements. In particular, we want to find out how we can support and encourage local use of the data the Progress maps contain to improve outcomes for children and young people. The user group will be 'virtual' so there will be no meetings to attend.

If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Jez MacDonald, Web Development Manager at SCIE at jez.macdonald@scie.org.uk or by telephone on 020 7089 6851.

C4EO Reviews

The Centre for Excellence and Outcomes in Children and Young People's Services (C4EO) has published three scoping reviews on vulnerable children.

The aim of the reviews is to establish the key research questions and parameters for the later review work, assess the nature and strength of the evidence base and provide an initial overview of trends in the literature.

Scoping reviews have been published for:

- Improving educational outcomes for looked-after children and young people
- Improving the emotional and behavioural health of looked after children
- Increasing the number of care leavers in 'settled, safe accommodation'

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