

OLDHAM PARTNERSHIP – COMMISSIONED PROJECTS

LAA BLOCK:	CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
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Project Name:	Buddying Scheme - Looked After Children
Project Reference:	NRF 07-04
Organisation Responsible:	Oldham Council
Project Manager:	Zoë Charnock
Project Start Date:	April 2006
Project End Date:	March 2008

Project Summary:
<p>To provide a peer support scheme for children and young people in Local Authority Care aiming to offer support and guidance in relation to issues that children and young people in care face and to also enable this group to build positive relationships. It will ensure that this group, which is at risk from social exclusion, are integrated into mainstream activities in the community, engage positively in their communities, service and activities that are on offer to them.</p> <p>The primary activities of the scheme consist of training for buddies on a continuous basis throughout the year, activity based sessional work with the buddy and the young person they are matched with, to discuss issues that the child/ young person is experiencing in care and also the 5 key outcomes of the Every Child Matters agenda. Group activities with all the young people involved in the scheme will provide continuous opportunities to influence the development of the scheme.</p>

LAA Indicator:	Project work towards target:
Participation of LAC aged 5+ in review meetings	The project promotes the involvement of children and young people in their reviews through the buddying relationships.
Percentage of 16-18 year olds not in EET	<p>The project offers voluntary experience for the buddies, which can contribute to the gaining of employment. The scheme also promotes education, training and appropriate employment to the young people who are being buddied.</p> <p>1E Number of training weeks completed</p>

<p>Percentage of young people using illicit substances</p>	<p>The scheme promotes positive health of young people through the buddying relationships and the scheme as a whole aims to deliver positive outcomes for all young people involved based on all the key aspects of the Every Child Matters agenda.</p>
<p>Percentage taking part in sport or physical activity in the community for 1 hour or more per week</p>	<p>Young people involved in the scheme have been taking part in sport and physical activity, such as swimming and dance</p>
<p>Percentage of 11-15 year olds experiencing bullying</p>	<p>The scheme has zero tolerance approach to bullying and positive relationships with peers is promoted and encouraged. Support is provided through the buddying relationship with help and sought from services/organisations for specialist advice.</p>