



CHILDREN 1ST FGC Services Scotland

Summary

- ⇒ FGC services in 13 Local Authority areas *
- ⇒ 30 co-ordinators: 28 co-ordinators covering 22 full-time positions; 2 sessional co-ordinators
- ⇒ FGC Development Unit: full-time Development Unit Manager, part-time Training and Development Worker

Statistics 1999 - April 2006

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Meetings	498
Significant work	350
Reviews	167
Total	1015
Family members involved	4898

Main Challenges for FGC in Scotland

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- ⇒ Evaluation
- ⇒ Mainstreaming
- ⇒ Legal context of FGC work

* City of Edinburgh Local Authority has its own FGC service, independent of CHILDREN 1ST. They employ 3 co-ordinators to cover 1.5 full-time positions

Conferences presented to *Julie*

- Scottish Young Carers
- Community Care Live Scotland (upcoming)
- Scottish Network of Families Affected by Drug Abuse (upcoming)

Key pieces of work

- Kinship Care Conference
- Local Authority Partners' Meeting
- National FGC Standards *Ann Hamilton*
- Child/young persons diary – evaluation tool
- Co-ordinator accreditation (in progress)
- Solution focussed training

Recent Scottish Research

- ⇒ Kinship Care Report
Professor Jane Aldgate and Miranda McIntosh
- ⇒ Practitioner research: FGC's & engaging with fathers/step-fathers (in progress)
Ewan Ross
- ⇒ Practitioner research: FGC's & permanency planning (in progress)
Lorraine McKillop
- ⇒ Scottish Executive research into FGC (in progress)
Stirling University

CHILDREN 1ST FGC Services in Scotland:

Local Authority	Geographical Area Covered	Referral Criteria	Who can make referrals?	Number of Co-ordinators
Aberdeenshire	All areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families with a child and/or family member misusing alcohol or drugs • Families with a child who is offending or displaying behaviour which may lead to offending • Any other referrals considered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth justice (offending) referrals: Social Work • All other referrals: professional and voluntary agencies • Families may self-refer 	<p>1 full-time co-ordinator and 1 sessional co-ordinator</p> <p>Co-ordinators based in local CHILDREN 1ST office with other CHILDREN 1ST services</p>
Aberdeen City	All areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children who are, or are at risk of being accommodated by the Local Authority • Children at risk of abuse • Children with education / school difficulties arising from their home environment • Children in transition i.e. moving in or out of foster care, leaving home • Children affected by disability • Other complex issues where wellbeing is affected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Work • Children's Reporter • Education • Police • Other "helping" agencies • Health • Families may self-refer 	<p>2 full-time co-ordinators</p> <p>Co-ordinators based in local CHILDREN 1ST office with other CHILDREN 1ST services</p>

Dumfries & Galloway	East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children who are on the Child Protection Register • Children who are (likely to be) added to the Child Protection Register at Child Protection Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Work 	<p>1 full-time co-ordinator</p> <p>Co-ordinator based in local social work office</p>
Dundee	In development			<p>1 full-time position covered by 2 co-ordinators</p> <p>Co-ordinators based in local CHILDREN 1ST office with other CHILDREN 1ST services</p> <p>Co-ordinators work in other CHILDREN 1ST services</p>
East Ayrshire	All areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventive: • children in emergency accommodation • permanency planning • long term foster care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Work (to be reviewed) 	<p>1 full-time co-ordinator</p> <p>Co-ordinator based in local CHILDREN 1ST office (South Ayrshire) with other CHILDREN 1ST services (including South Ayrshire FGC Service)</p>

East Lothian	All areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children who are, or are at risk of being accommodated by the Local Authority • Children at risk of abuse or neglect • Children with education / school difficulties arising from their home environment • Children in transition i.e. moving in or out of foster care, leaving home • Children affected by disability • Other complex issues where wellbeing is affected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All professional and voluntary agencies • Families may self-refer 	<p>1 full-time co-ordinator and 1 part-time co-ordinator</p> <p>Co-ordinators based in local CHILDREN 1ST office with other CHILDREN 1ST services</p>
Falkirk	All areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children at risk of being Looked After / Accommodated • Children at risk of abuse / neglect • Children for whom major decisions have to be made concerning welfare / care arrangements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Work Teams 	<p>2 full-time co-ordinators</p> <p>Co-ordinators based in local CHILDREN 1ST office where it is the only CHILDREN 1ST service</p>

Fife	All areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children at risk of abuse or neglect • Children facing family breakdown • Children who are, or at risk of being accommodated by the Local Authority • Children referred (or likely to be) to the Reporter • Children for whom permanency planning is being considered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Work Teams 	<p>5 full-time positions covered by 6 co-ordinators</p> <p>Co-ordinators each based in a local social work office</p>
Highland	Ross & Cromarty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children & young people aged 0-18 who may be vulnerable to social exclusion due to anti social or risky behaviours including substance misuse by child or carer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All professional and voluntary agencies • Families may self-refer 	<p>1.5 full-time positions covered by 2 co-ordinators</p> <p>Co-ordinators based in local CHILDREN 1ST office with other CHILDREN 1ST services</p> <p>One co-ordinator works in other CHILDREN 1ST services</p>
Midlothian	All areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children at risk of abuse or neglect • Children who are, or are at risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All professional and voluntary agencies • Families may self- 	<p>2 full-time co-ordinators</p> <p>Co-ordinators based in local CHILDREN 1ST office with</p>

		<p>of being accommodated by the Local Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children for whom permanency planning is being considered • Child is affected by substance misuse • All other situations considered 	refer	other CHILDREN 1ST services
Scottish Borders	Central, including Galashiels, Hawick, Jedburgh, Selkirk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children who are, or are at risk of being accommodated by the Local Authority • Children being considered for permanency planning • Any child protection concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Work (plans are being made to allow health and education workers to refer) • Families may self-refer 	<p>1 full-time position covered by 2 co-ordinators</p> <p>Co-ordinators based in local CHILDREN 1ST office</p> <p>Co-ordinators work in other CHILDREN 1ST services</p>
South Ayrshire	All areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children at risk of abuse or neglect • Children facing family breakdown • Children who are, or are at risk of being accommodated by the Local Authority • Children referred (or likely to be) to the Reporter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All professional and voluntary agencies • Families may self-refer 	<p>1 full-time co-ordinator, 1 part-time co-ordinator and 1 sessional co-ordinator</p> <p>Co-ordinators based in local CHILDREN 1ST office with other CHILDREN 1ST services</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children for whom permanency planning is being considered • School / Education issues • Homeless young people 		
South Lanarkshire	All areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children at risk of abuse or neglect • Children who are, or are at risk of being accommodated by the Local Authority • Children for whom permanency planning is being considered • Child is affected by substance misuse • All other situations considered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All professional and voluntary agencies • Families may self-refer 	<p>1 full-time co-ordinator and 1 part-time co-ordinator</p> <p>Co-ordinators based in local CHILDREN 1ST office where it is the only CHILDREN 1ST service</p>