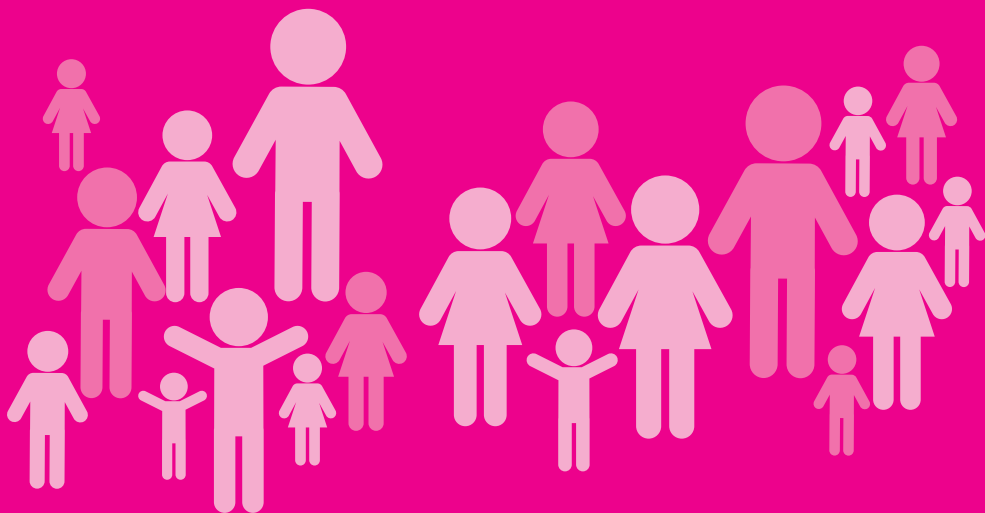


# Early Support Partnership



Kirklees Safeguarding Children Partnership



# Family Support

The Family Support service work together with partners to provide a range of services for families with children aged pre-birth to 19 (or 25 if SEND).

We work directly with parents and children through group work or one to one casework using relational and evidence based interventions.

We work closely with the Community Hubs to promote early identification and assessment of unmet needs and support early response either through consultation or direct support. Where families are receiving statutory intervention from social care we provide family support to help de-escalate where appropriate.

The service is aligned to the 8 Children and Family areas and we have a named Consultant, Team Leader and Team Manager linked to each Community Hub.

We take a whole family approach and ensure our work integrates with other support being offered so as not to duplicate and intrude unnecessarily into family life. We take a restorative and strengths approach that builds resilience and develops capacity across the partnership to offer the right support at the right time.

We encourage conversations to take place prior to making a referral to get advice quickly about the services that can meet the needs of the family.

If you are a professional and think a family, child or young person needs support from our service we would like you to speak to us first by calling on 01484 456823. Once you have discussed the request and agreed this is an appropriate referral you will then be asked to complete our referral form and return it to –

**[earlysupportmultiagencypanel@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:earlysupportmultiagencypanel@kirklees.gov.uk)**

# Parenting Support

The parenting team offer a range of evidence based group work programmes to encourage and support families to develop resilience to help them cope with challenges of family life.

All programmes use a restorative approach to allow participants to reflect on their own experiences, values and beliefs and understand how this has impacted on their own parenting styles.

Evidence shows that good quality group work leads to better outcomes for families with improved communication, consistency, behaviour and efficacy. Families are more likely to move onto other opportunities through the social learning experience if they have attended group work programmes.

The current groupwork offer is:

Steps, PX2, Step Up, SEN Family Links, Liberty, Safer Healthier Homes, Early Parenting; Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities.

We are happy to provide taster sessions and other programmes to fit your needs.

To discuss this option or for more information contact:

Carol Woodhead/ Parenting Team Leader

Or email: [info.parentingsupport@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:info.parentingsupport@kirklees.gov.uk)

## Family Group Conference (FGC)

A Family Group Conference (FGC) is an independent service that brings family members together to develop a safe plan. The aim of the plan is to identify solutions for the issues that a family is facing.

A Family Group Conference is a process that empowers a family to make safe plans and decisions about their children and young people. The family play a major part in identifying who they feel could make up their support network and the FGC coordinator will support the family in identifying their network.

The whole process is family led and the needs of the children remain at the centre of the FGC. Children and young people will always be invited to attend their FGC.

An FGC can be used when children are at risk of being looked after by the Local Authority, to seek solutions where anti-social behaviour is a concern, improve school attendance, supporting contact between parent and child, or when family relationships breakdown and impacts on the child/children.

In an FGC, the referrer provides information and resources to support and assist the family in developing their own plan. It is the family who have the sole responsibility for making and deciding upon a plan.

Contact **Joanne Jennings** or **Mickaela Irving** on **01484 221000** or email - **Family.GroupConferencing@kirklees.gov.uk** for more information

# Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)

MST is a restorative, evidenced-based intervention that works intensively with the families of young people aged 11-17 displaying challenging behaviours, aiming to prevent them ending up in care or custody.

## MST– Is this young person suitable?

**Is the young person of high-school age (11-17 years), lives at home and presents with two or more of the following behaviours?**

Criminal offending, anti-social behaviour and/or associating with antisocial peers, physical aggression, verbal aggression, property damage, school exclusion, behavioural issues at school, nonattendance/truancy, running away, missing from home, CSE/CCE risks, self-harm, drug and/or alcohol use

NO

**MST would not be suitable for the family**

YES

Is the young person at risk of care, custody/court, out of home placement, or residential school?

NO

Please contact MST to discuss suitability further on:  
**01484 414940**

YES

YES

Would the goals of treatment be to reduce parental abuse or neglect?  
Are the challenging behaviours caused by the young person's mental health problems?  
Is sexual offending the primary anti-social behaviour shown by the young person?  
Is the young person actively suicidal? Homicidal? Actively psychotic?  
Is the young person/family involved in another on-going intensive intervention?  
Are you concerned about the care giver's motivation to do an intensive intervention?

NO

**MST may be suitable for the family.**  
Please contact MST on **01484 414940**,  
or email: **MST@Kirklees.gov.uk** to discuss making a referral.

# Kirklees Mental Health in Families Team

Mental Health in Families Team bridge the gap between Children's Social Care and Adult Mental Health Services so families where parental mental health is impacting on the family receive the most appropriate support/service.

As a team we analyse the impact of parental mental health on children and families and endeavour to support practitioners across services, to understand the needs of families and how best they can be supported.

We offer case consultation with professionals from both Adult Mental Health and Children and Family Services, with a view to enhancing awareness and understanding of the mental health difficulties experienced by parents and therefore influencing casework.

We embed a restorative approach, using coaching methods to support professionals in their casework. Working in close collaboration with professionals like this allows to understand the mental health needs of the parent, so we can analyse how children are affected and recommend SMART assessments or plans that address risk properly.

We value appropriate early support for parents who have mental health difficulties, and share information relevant to the welfare of their children. Our focus is on managing risk, increasing resilience, building strength and encouraging independence so we can help to reduce the long-term need for services.

**Email: [MentalHealthinFamilies@kirkless.gov.uk](mailto:MentalHealthinFamilies@kirkless.gov.uk)**

# Kirklees Community Hubs

A Community Hub is a geographical place with fluid boundaries, based on known settlement areas.

There are 17 Community Hubs across Kirklees, with a defined partnership of schools bringing together early years, primary and secondary provision. The hubs act as vehicles for a broad range of services to come together at a local level and provides a forum to share good practice and priorities to provide peer support and expertise to achieve better life chances for children and families.

Each hub has named leadership and some element of co-ordination. Hubs facilitate multi-agency case management meetings and hub leader and planning meetings. There is also a well-established Kirklees Hub Leaders Network. The council provides strategic support for the development of community hubs and have a small programme team

All activities, support and services in the area working to common purpose, sharing skills, joining up what they do and making it visible to children, families and communities.

Everyone in the area working to outcomes and activities that local people value and want for themselves.

A named and published partnership, leader/s and Co-ordinator.

Multiagency case management meetings up and running Hub Leadership and planning meetings.

Wider stakeholder forums.

Feeds into North and South Kirklees Children's Integrated Commissioning Group

# Stronger Families Programme

The aim of Stronger Families programme is to change the way families are supported to improve their lives using a whole family approach coordinating services through a lead worker. We use a network of consultants from various services, who will be able to offer you additional support and signposting.

## Outcomes we are wanting to improve:

- Children in families have problems attending school
- Young people not in education, employment or training
- Adults claiming out of work benefits, or issues getting into work or debt
- The family may be affected by domestic violence and abuse
- Members of the family may be affected by a range of health problems
- Family members may be involved in crime or anti-social behaviour

If any of the families you are working with are dealing with these issues please check they have been identified by the stronger families' data team so they can be added to the cohort, so we can evidence and support you with the great work you are completing with families.

**Any queries please email [Stronger.Families@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:Stronger.Families@kirklees.gov.uk) or get in touch with Danielle Moss – Project Manager**



# Kirklees Safeguarding Children Partnership (KSCP)

The KSCP provides the framework for ensuring that effective services are provided with partner agencies, including Kirklees Council, health organisations, West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Probation, and the voluntary/community sector, to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Kirklees, including protection from harm.

This includes:

- Developing and implementing inter-agency policies and procedures;
- Promoting effective partnership working;
- Undertaking reviews and audits to scrutinise and challenge work undertaken to safeguard children and promote their welfare;
- Provision of a range of training opportunities for all levels of staff and volunteers;
- Raising awareness of safeguarding within the wider community.

Board members are senior representatives of the main agencies which have a responsibility to safeguard children.

Early Support Paperwork is held on the KSCP website and can be found here:

<http://www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk/early-support-assessment.html>

# Community Plus

Community Plus is part of the Council's Early Intervention and Prevention service offer. Our teams are based in each of the four Kirklees localities, with each locality having a team of Community Co-ordinators who work across the areas Community Plus provides a short term intervention of four to six weeks.

We work alongside people using an asset and strength based approach. We explore community based solutions which seek to prevent, reduce and delay dependence and demand on statutory social and health care provision.

Our teams work with organisations and groups to develop local activities and services for the local community as well as peer and neighbourhood support.

Alongside the Primary care networks we offer a social prescribing response for GP's, to identify and support people who could benefit from a community offer.

We also work closely with all our partners; Children's and Adult Social Care, North Kirklees and Greater Huddersfield clinical commissioning groups, Public Health, Communities service and voluntary community and social enterprise sector.

Community Plus works with all age groups and anyone can make an introduction.

You can make an introduction by speaking directly to the Community Plus team or visit our website

**<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/voluntary-andcommunity-support/community-plus.aspx>** and complete our online introduction form.

## Early Years Outcomes Team

Early Years Outcomes Team is part of the Localities for Children and Families service. Consultants are deployed into Kirklees Community Hubs and provide support and challenge to childcare and early learning providers. These are known as the private, voluntary and independent sector (PVI) as children may also take up funded entitlement in mainstream schools.

Kirklees has over 850 providers and almost 60% of preschool children take up their entitlement in the PVI sector. We work with settings to maintain high quality provision and outcomes and have a universal offer of visits, advice and help. We also have a targeted offer for providers who drop below 'Good or better' when inspected by OFSTED. We are charged with advocating and connecting early years providers to local activity through the hubs. This collaborative, partnership working is essential to workforce development and raising outcomes.

Providers and services have a duty to ensure the least advantaged children are prioritised in all their work. PVI providers are a large part of early childhood services in Kirklees and meet families on a daily basis so we need to ensure that they know about and can signpost parents to Early Support.

For more information please contact Rachael Singleton on **07528 252496** or email **[rachael.singleton@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:rachael.singleton@kirklees.gov.uk)**

# Safer Communities & West Yorkshire Police Youth Intervention Team

Organised crime and gang related activity present a considerable threat to the social and economic prosperity of Kirklees and its diverse communities.

Safer Kirklees have launched a robust strategy to challenge this threat utilising a broad range of options to protect individuals, communities and businesses.

The strategy, developed by the Safer Kirklees partnership in collaboration with West Yorkshire Police's approach to tackling serious, complex and organised crime, recognises that a solution can only be found by key stakeholders working together to prevent people becoming involved in gangs and organised crime at the earliest possible stage

## The Youth Intervention Team Hub

The team consists of Local Authority & West Yorkshire Police Youth Intervention Officers that provide support to young people and their families that have been identified and assessed as being *at risk* or *involved* in gang related activity as well as providing diversionary activities and measures across the district to reduce the likelihood of young people becoming *involved* or *joining* a gang.

## Why are we here?

- To reduce youth crime and gang affiliation and entry into the criminal justice system
- To provide early intervention and prevention support to young people at risk of joining a gang.
- To build awareness of the risks gang culture can have on individual, families and the wider community

## Our Services

- We will provide workshops and bespoke packages to build awareness of gangs, and gang affiliation, covering CCE, County Lines and knife crime.
- Through a monitored referral process young people at risk or vulnerable to gangs and gang affiliation will be offered a menu of support consisting of 1-2-1 sessions, mentoring or coaching supported by either a local authority or police youth intervention team officer.
- Each young person will be seen on a regular basis and a support package will be identified according to the young person's needs.
- Street based and diversionary activities operating in areas most affected and aligned with ASB and early signs of USG activity

## Contacting Us

If you are a school, completed referral forms should be sent using Anycomms to GangsKirklees (*found under Service-Other*)

Other organisations should send referrals to  
**KirkleesYouthInterventionTeam@kirklees.gov.uk**

If you need to speak to someone about your referral please contact a member of the **Gang Prevention Hub on 01484 221000**

Mark Gilchrist Local Authority Youth Intervention Team Manager  
– **mark.gilchrist@kirklees.gov.uk** Tel: **01484 221000**

Inspector James Kitchen West Yorkshire Police -  
**james.kitchen@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk**

## **Risk and Vulnerability Team**

The Risk and Vulnerability team is a newly formed team within Children's Social Care, created from bringing together the previous Missing Children and Child Sexual Exploitation teams.

The team aims to provide a flexible and responsive service to reduce the vulnerability and risk of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and episodes of missing from home and care. The objective is to provide a service that is tailored to the needs and wishes of the child or young person and their wider family, practicing within the framework of a whole family, child centred and relationship based approach.

The team will also work within a contextual safeguarding approach, recognising that the relationships and interactions that children and young people have outside of their family setting, in their neighbourhoods, schools and online can feature violence and abuse and that parents and carers may have limited influence over these. Therefore to effectively tackle child exploitation and missing from home or care, co-ordinated multi-agency, partnership work is required. This is to ensure that robust, multi-agency needs led risk management plans are in place, and that information and intelligence is shared appropriately and proactively responded to. This then assists with the development of problem profiles, and enable partner agencies and professionals to effectively target resources and interventions and help safeguard children.

# Thriving Kirklees

The innovative partnership brings together five organisations and their 0-19 services to help ensure that all children, young people and families living in Kirklees will be healthy and resilient.

The partnership's services for children and young people aged 0-19 (up to 25-years old for young people with special needs) and their families include:

- Health visiting and family nurse partnership
- School nursing
- Ask CaMHS
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CaMHS)
- Children's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service
- National Child Measurement Programme
- Assessment and diagnosis of autistic spectrum conditions (through referrals made by a Speech and Language Therapist, Paediatrician, or Educational Psychologist)
- Support for children and young people with learning disabilities
- Home-Start Family Support
- Healthy child vitamins.

The Thriving Kirklees partnership is led by Locala, working with:

- South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust (SWYPT)
- Northorpe Hall Child and Family Trust,
- Home-Start Kirklees,
- Yorkshire Children's Centre

# Thriving Kirklees

## **0-19 Team (Health Visiting and School Nursing)**

Our 0-19 team works with children, young people and families in Kirklees supporting you and your child to improve your health and avoid illness.

We provide a series of health support for children and families starting before the birth of your child, through their early years and right up to age 19.

## **Home-Start Kirklees**

Having young children is an exciting but frequently challenging time for any family. Home-Start is here to help people who need extra help to meet those challenges and are struggling with being a parent.

Home-Start Kirklees offers unique support for parents to help grow their confidence and strengthen relationships with their children. The scheme helps parents to reduce feelings of isolation, become more resilient and cope with the challenges of being a parent.

## **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)**

This service offers assessment and interventions for children and young people (including those with learning disabilities) who have persistent and significant difficulties with mental health issues.

The team works hard to build positive relationships with children during such a challenging period in their life. The coping strategies and self-management techniques our team use ensure that children can live life to their full potential.



# Thriving Kirklees

## **Kooth.com**

Is an anonymous, online counselling and support service for children and young people, accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop and free at the point of use. It's for 11-19 year olds in Kirklees (up to age 25 for those with additional needs) and is available up to 10 o'clock at night, 365 days a year.

## **Assessment and Diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Conditions**

The team has a wealth of experience working with children and young people up to the age of 18 years, who have complex social and communication difficulties. Referrals to the team are made by Speech and Language Therapists, Paediatricians, SENCOs or Educational Psychologists.

## **Children's Emotional Wellbeing Service (ChEWS)**

This service helps children and young people aged between 5 and 18 through short-term mental and emotional health support including:

- Counselling and therapeutic group activities
- One-to-one support
- help accessing services.

ChEWS works closely with CAMHS, nursing services, GPs and local authority services as well as many voluntary and community organisations so young people and families can find the right support for them.

So, if you would like to find out more about the range of services available visit the ChEWS webpages.

**You can access the Thriving Kirklees website at [www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk](http://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk) or call 0300 304 5555**

## Contact Details

### Family Support

earlysupportmultiagencypanel@kirklees.gov.uk

Tel: 01484 456823

### Parenting Support

info.parentingsupport@kirklees.gov.uk

### Family Group Conferencing (FGC)

family.groupconferencing@kirklees.gov.uk

Tel: 01484 221000

### Multi Systemic Therapy (MST)

mst@kirklees.gov.uk

Tel: 01484 414940

### Mental Health in Families

mentalhealthinfamilies@kirklees.gov.uk

### Youth Intervention Team

KirkleesYouthInterventionTeam@kirklees.gov.uk

Tel: 01484 221000

### Community Plus

kirklees.gov.uk/beta/voluntary-and-community-support/community-plus.aspx

### Kirklees Safeguarding Children's Partnership

kspc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk

Tel: 01484 225161

### Early Years Outcome Team

rachael.singleton@kirklees.gov.uk

Tel: 07528 252496

### Community Hubs (schools)

karen.walsh@kirklees.gov.uk  
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Tel: 07528 988878

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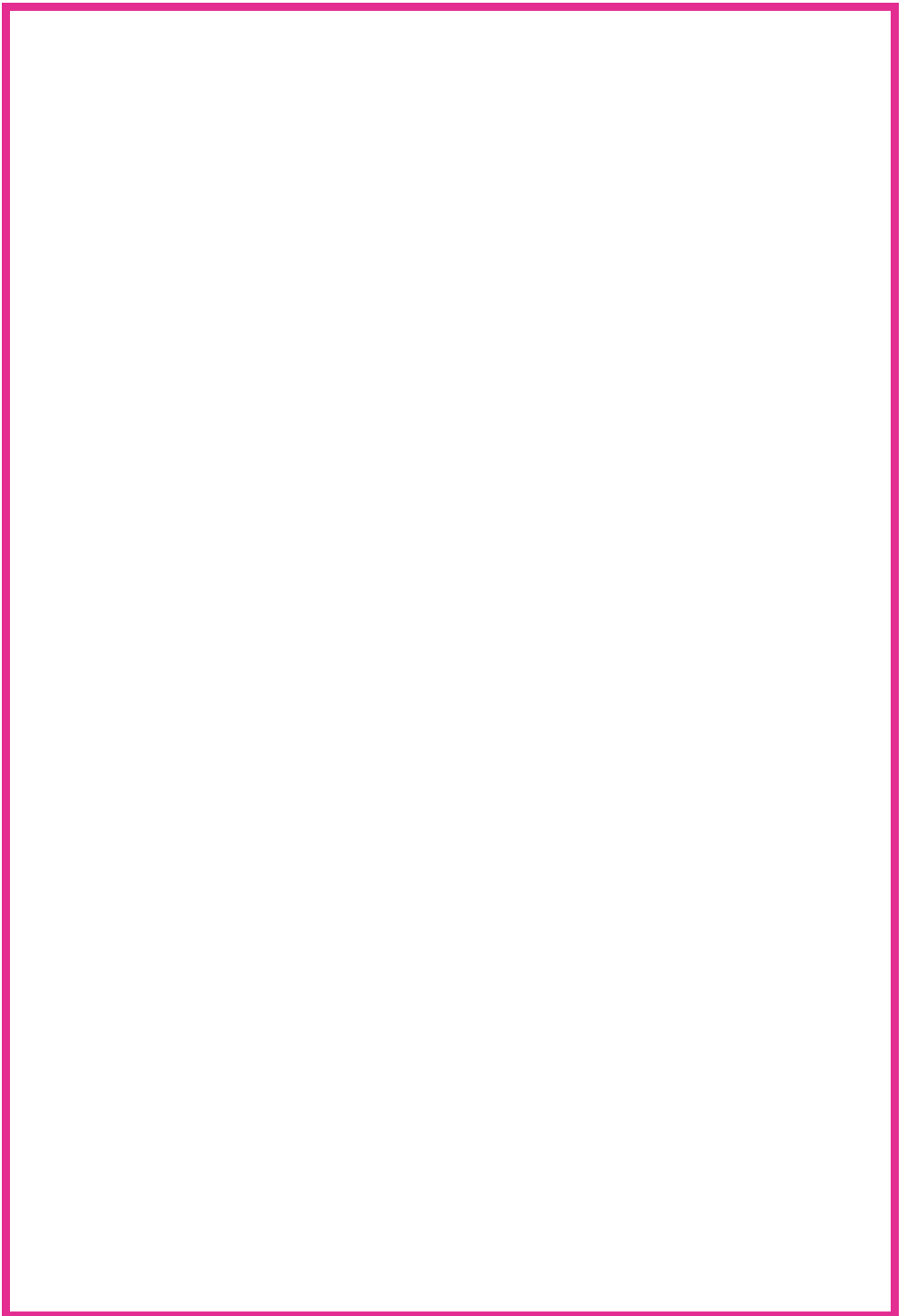
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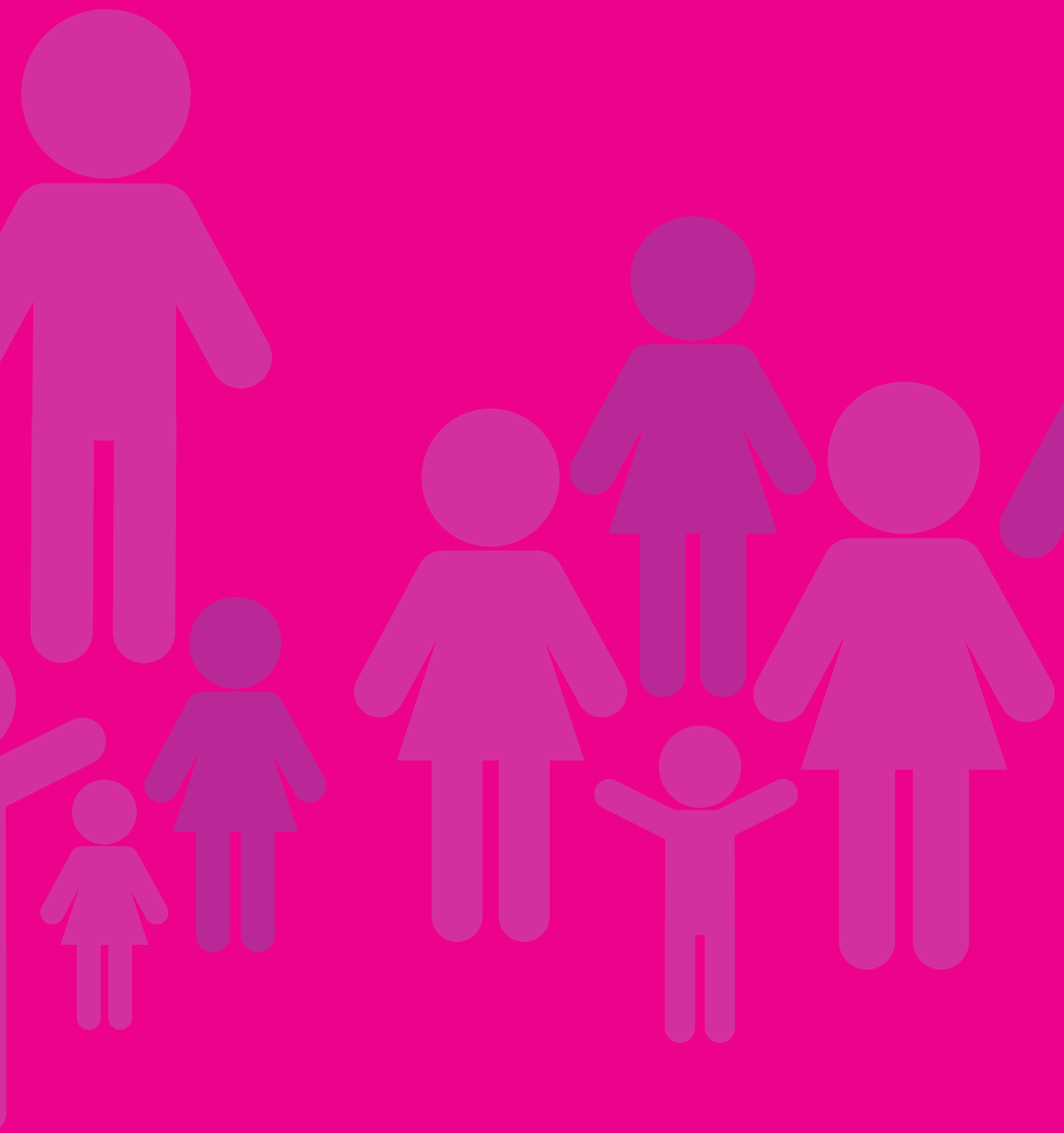
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