Lambeth

Lambeth: Parent Champions



Lambeth Family Hub Network Lambeth Start for Life Offer



"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever."

Kofi Annon

ABOUT US

We are thrilled to announce the extension of our Parent Champions Program, now covering the entire borough of Lambeth. This expansion aligns with our community and provides support where it's needed the most.



Welcome to the Parent Champion Team

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Coreen Cole Parent Champions Co-Ordinator Manager



<u>Kim Stanway</u> Parent Champions Co-Ordinator Norwood & Streatham



<u>Jessie Hammans</u> Parent Champions Co-Ordinator North Lambeth & Clapham/Brixton



<u>Kimberlin Dunkley</u> Parent Champions Co-Ordinator (Part Time) Brixton/Tulse Hill & Brixton/Stockwell



Jennifer Cuneapen Parent Champions Co-Ordinator (Part Time) Brixton/Tulse Hill & Brixton/Stockwell

Community Engagement

To support with the expansion of the program, we recruited two coordinators; Jessie Hammans and Jennifer Cuneapen.

Our coordinators are spearheading efforts to foster community engagement and information sharing in designated Better Start areas.

They are actively reaching out to children's centers and Family Hubs, eager to collaborate and learn about the vital work being done to support families.



Parent and Carer Panels

As part of the Family Hub Start for Life model, our team will oversee Parent and Carer panels across the six Family Hub Areas.

These panels serve as platforms for families to share their invaluable insights, ensuring that their voices are heard and respected. Let's celebrate the spirit of collaboration, empowerment, and resilience that defines our Parent Champions program! In November 2023 and January 2024 we had refresher training for Parent Champion volunteers that were a LEAP Parent Champion who were then merged with Lambeth/Coram Parent Champions.

In January 2024, we recruited and trained a new cohort of 10 volunteers. We currently have 30 volunteers. The Parent Champion training programs stands as a cornerstone of our initiative's success in Lambeth.

Development of the Parent Champions programme

Key points from Training of volunteers

The training program cultivates a sense of belonging and purpose among volunteers.

Ongoing support mechanisms embedded within the training ensure sustained engagement.

Volunteers emerge from the training empowered with tools to effectively support families.

Their contributions significantly advance our over searching goal of facilitating connections between families and Lambeth services.

Parent Champions work

- Interpreting support
- Breastfeeding walk
- International Woman's Day event Brixton/Tulse Hill Better Start area
- Parent and Carer Panels in North Lambeth and Brixton/Stockwell Family Hub area
- Lambeth Country Show 2023
- LEAP Community Engagement events



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Lambeth Early Action Partnership (LEAP)

The LEAP Discovery Days were LEAPS final festivals, which was an activity fair type of event to connect families to wider Lambeth services as well as part of the events happening as LEAP draws to a close to connect families to wider services

Lambeth services Parent Champion volunteers facilitated an arts and craft table/activity next to the information table, so that as we're informing parents of the Family Hub Start for Life initiative, their children can be participating in an activity.



Lambeth Early Action Partnership





LEAP Discovery Days





Our Parent Champions stand as pillars of support, enhancing the walking group experience.

• With their guidance and encouragement, participants feel empowered to prioritize their well-being.

Breastfeeding Peer Support Walking Group

Parent Champion Volunteer – Farwa Mustafaey



Afternoon Tea for a Queen In celebration of International Women's Day



Wednesday 6thh March 2024 © Loughborough Children's Centre, Minet Road, SW9 7UA 1.00—3.00pm

For more information please call: 020 7274 8374 or 02086786530





Moving forward with Parent Champions program



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As we expand our parent program to cover the entire borough, it's crucial to develop comprehensive strategies for community outreach and partnership development.

Community Outreach Events:

- We will organise regular community events across different alignment areas, featuring workshops, information sessions, and family-friendly activities.
- These events will serve as platforms to engage with parents, promote the benefits of our program, and provide access to valuable resources.

Partnership Development:

- We aim to forge partnerships with local stakeholders, children centers, community centers, healthcare providers and local businesses.
- Collaborative efforts will involve joint initiatives such as parenting workshops, community outreach programs, and workplace support for parents, extending the reach of our program.



• Empowering Parents: Introducing Parent-Led Groups in Our Program

Parent-led groups are integral to our program's evolution, fostering a sense of community and empowerment among participants. By offering parents the opportunity to take leadership roles, we aim to create a collaborative environment where their voices are heard and valued.

Strengthened Engagement:

Parent-led groups enhance overall program engagement by offering additional avenues for involvement and interaction. Parent-led groups are poised to enhance our program's reach, engagement, and effectiveness by leveraging the leadership and expertise of our participant community.





Thank you!

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