

Do you need support? Early Help assessment and Plan. (TAF)



What?

Early Help assessment is a way of receiving extra support for your family needs, to put the support in place and helping you and your family move forward

Why?

After the needs of your Family have been identified. It is important for support to be put in place. To ensure that you and your family receive the right support, to help with the concern, build your resilience and find your voice.

Who?

Once you have agreed for a TAF to be held, the lead practitioner will speak with you about who you would like to invite. This could be anyone from friends and family to professionals such as a Youth Worker, Health Visitor or a teacher.

Where & when?

This is your family meeting; therefore you can have your say around where & when the meeting is held.

At home, at school etc.... also which time of day best suits your family (around your working hours)

Speak with the lead practitioner to confirm the venue.

Early Help assessment Plan (TAF).....

The lead professional will complete the paperwork during the TAF to ensure all your views are captured. Ensuring this is strength based. As this is your plan, it is important that you understand everything that has been discussed and are happy with the actions.

You will then be asked for permission to share your family plan with other professionals, such as those that couldn't attend

At the end of the TAF, a review meeting will be agreed.

At review, you will have time to reflect on the Early Help assessment plan, to see what the outcome of actions is. This is your time to share your concerns or success story. Rachel Keighley can also make referrals to the Children with Disabilities Team, Children's Social Care to support an assessment of care/needs for a child, which will provide a package of care and hours of respite for child and family.

Please contact Rachel Keighley (Family Support Worker at Pear Tree School) on 01772 683609 for further information/advice.

We use strengths-based conversational approaches to support families to identify strengths and needs to make positive changes.

The following websites could be useful to you – please take some time to visit and contact the appropriate services that would meet your family's needs

www.lancashire.gov.uk/send- Local offer

<https://www.aiminghighercharity.org.uk/> Special Needs and Parents

www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk

www.mind.org.uk – support for Mental health

www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-and-family-wellbeing-service -
Children & Family Well-Being Service

<https://www.icancharity.org.uk/> – communication for children

PACE – parents against Child exploitation

FRANK – friendly and confidential advice (drugs & alcohol)

kooth.com – online safe and secure website for young people to chat freely

Parenting
support

Children's
Behaviour

Finances

Education

Housing

Bereavement

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