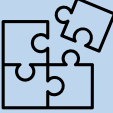








Storyboard at a Glance...

- Families
- Environment
- Workforce
- Identification
- Intervention
- Universal
- Targeted

Let's Connect

An Early Language and Communication Improvement Story Board from Fife

 The issue	 The team	 Our idea
<p>Many parents/ carers do not realise the importance and long lasting benefits of creating positive play opportunities and interactions with their children and /or they are unsure how to achieve it.</p> <p>The most vulnerable children access Under 3 nursery provisions and may also receive support from HVs / family workers etc.</p> <p>How can these services work together to address this issue?</p> <p>How can we enhance the offering for parents/carers in the Under 3s?</p>	<p>Let's Connect team is composed of a clinician from Speech and Language Therapy, an Occupational Therapist and a Head Teacher Early Years.</p> <p>All work is in close collaboration with colleagues in Education and Health. We will expand to the 3rd sector in due course.</p>	<p>Let's Connect aims to improve the developmental outcomes of 2 year olds through enhanced daily interactions and play at home and in early years settings. Let's Connect supports those closest to the child to embed 4 key strategies into daily interactions and play.</p> <p>When children are regularly engaged in positive and supportive play interactions, the foundations are set for improved positive long-term outcomes.</p>
 Tools & resources we used.	 What we did	 The impact
<p>Attended CYPIC Language Meets Literacy Practicum.</p> <p>QI methodology used throughout-supported by Fife Improvement Coordinator</p> <p>Time is the major resource</p> <p>Whole Family Wellbeing Funding for 1 year supports Let's Connect to spread and scale-up.</p>	<p>Ongoing use of QI methodology to support implementation and evidence outcomes.</p> <p>Piloted in a number of settings.</p> <p>Development of a comprehensive manual with training materials.</p> <p>Ongoing support for current sites and exploring potential future sites.</p> <p>Funding is being used to support current staff capacity and also to employ a full time Early Years Officer.</p>	<p>We have gained robust outcome data including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -increase in practitioner skill and confidence in delivering the approach -increase in number of times parent/carers engages in play with their child at home -increase parent/carer confidence in using the 4 key strategies - increase in parent/carer use of the strategies (as observed by practitioner)
 Our learning & next steps	<p>Learning:</p> <p>Let's Connect is an effective way to support parents / carers to engage in enjoyable, nurturing play and interactions with their children.</p> <p>Let's Connect supports the professional development of Early Years Practitioners.</p> <p>Under3 education practitioners are confident and enthusiastic about implementation.</p>	

Early Language and Communication Project

The manual is sufficient to support implementation.

Next Steps:

Continue with spread and scale-up within Under 3 provisions across Fife

Continue with data collection

Refine manual in consultation with practitioners

Create a Let's Connect network and Let's Connect champions

Gather pre / post case study evidence for specific families/ children

Consider spread to Health Visiting service and other 3rd sector agencies



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