The vision for Carmarthenshire Children First is to reduce and prevent ACE’s, promote resilience, maximise children and young people’s physical and mental wellbeing, ensuring equality with their peers from other areas.

Work started in 2016.

The areas identified in Carmarthenshire for Children First are the electoral wards of Glanymor and Tyisha with a population of 10,234. The area was chosen based on:

* 5 out of 7 LSOAs in top 20% most deprived in Wales;
* Flying Start area;
* Three primary schools in the areas and one comprehensive with low school attendance and attainment levels and high free school meal uptake;
* Over 10% offences for the County occur in these wards with only 5.5% of the County population.

Another reason for selecting these wards was the plan to develop the Life Science and Wellness Village which will be located in close proximity of these wards. It was felt that there would be real opportunities for the communities from Glanymor and Tyisha as a result of this development, in particular in relation to employment and skills. Furthermore, there were plans for the Tyisha ward in relation to redeveloping the area physically via the Local Authority Housing department.

A Children First Steering Group meets on a regular basis and partners include Hywel Dda Health Board, Carmarthenshire Youth and Children’s Association, Dyfed Powys Police, Local Authority Youth Service, Communities for Work, Pobl Housing Association, Local Authority Housing Department, Morfa Integrated Children Centre, three Primary schools and one Secondary school.

**Localised activity includes:**

* Tyisha Planning for Real community consultation and Tyisha redevelopment plans;
* Appointing a part time co-ordinator for 2018/2019 from WG Funding;
* Media clip based on local children’s views of their areas: September 2018;
* Vocal Eyes: Pupil Democracy Tools introduced to the local primary schools;
* People Speak Up Llanelli: storytelling workshops at St Pauls Family Centre and Morfa Integrated Children Centre;
* Community of Enquiry workshop with professionals facilitated by Swansea University;
* Joint Community Development post (Housing and Children Services) for Tyisha.