

The Looked After Children and Education Project

Why did the LACE project take place?

- The Welsh Government want to know how to help looked after children and young people do really well at school.
- They asked CASCADE to find out what can be done to help.

How did we find out about LACYP education?

- We asked looked after children and young people all about their education and what help they would like.
- Voices from Care and Fostering Network helped, and we did lots of fun activities too.
- Spice Innovations gave 'time credits' to the young people who helped us.

What did we find out?

- The children we spoke to wanted to do really well at school.
- They had lots of exciting plans and ideas about their futures.
- Some problems they faced were:
 - Changing placements and schools
 - Not enough help at school
 - Not being well physically or mentally
 - Other people thinking that they couldn't do well at school
 - School days being interrupted by meetings
 - Not enough computers and books

What did we tell the Welsh Government?

Listen to children and young people



Don't make children listen to arguments about money



Lots of books and computers



Let children help to decide whether to move schools or not

Extra help in school

Mentoring

Looked after children should be able to meet other young people with similar experiences



Social workers and schools should talk to each other more



Don't hold meetings in school time



Help foster carers to help with school and homework

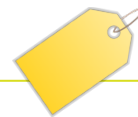


Education Ambassadors for LACYP

Be positive about what looked after children and young people can achieve



Offer support to all children so that looked after children don't feel different



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