Transforming Young Lives

Skill Force

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What Is Skill Force?

- A not-for-profit company with charitable status
- Locally in partnership with LEAs & Schools
- Delivered in school
- Skills based curriculum
- Instructors from an ex-military background

Our students

- ‘hard to reach’
- low self esteem / confidence / aspirations
- poor attendance
- disengaged/disinterested
- potential to become NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)

The programme

- 2 Groups of up approx 20 students in each school (Yrs 10 &11)
- One day per week for 2 years
- Instructors work in pairs
- 70% school based - 30% off-site
- Residential
- Yr 11 - emphasis on post-school outcomes

What we aim to achieve

- Raise self esteem, confidence and aspiration
- Develop ‘employability’ skills eg.,
  - teamworking
  - communication
  - personal responsibility
  - problem solving
- Gain recognised vocational qualifications

Context

- Long, slow burn
- Two steps forward, three steps back
- Consistent re-inforcement of shared values and expectations

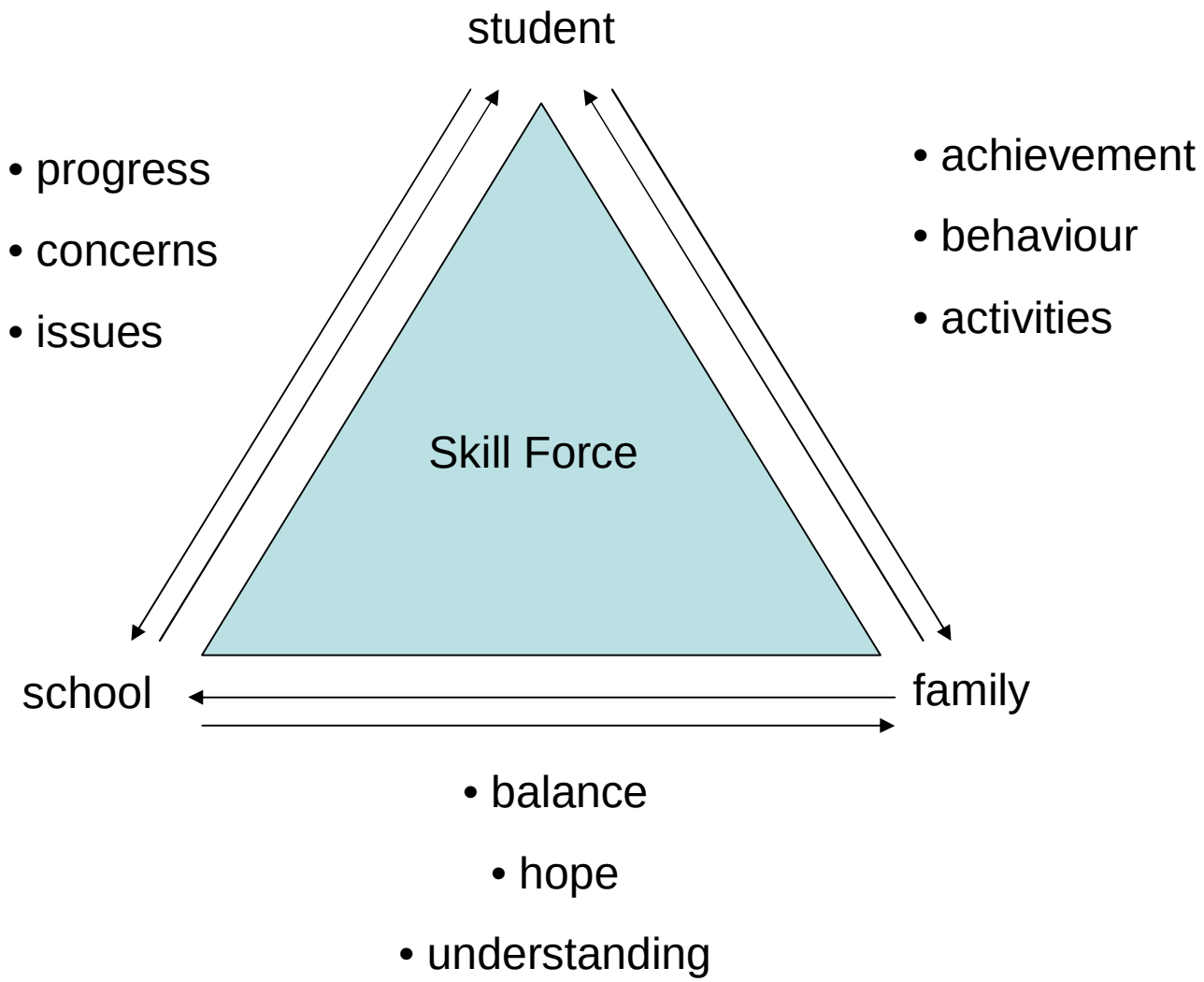
Curriculum

- Mixture of theory and practice
- Relevant and applied eg First Aid, navigation skills
- Goes beyond classroom boundaries
- New opportunities for personal challenge / success
- Small steps
- Portfolio evidence –manageable ‘chunks’

Relationships

- Instructors are ‘different’
- See students in a range of contexts
- Add light and shade to a student profile
- Opportunities to share celebration of success and achievement

Fitting it all together



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