

Early intervention in child protection



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- What do we mean by early intervention?
- Key challenges
- Recent reports
- Lessons



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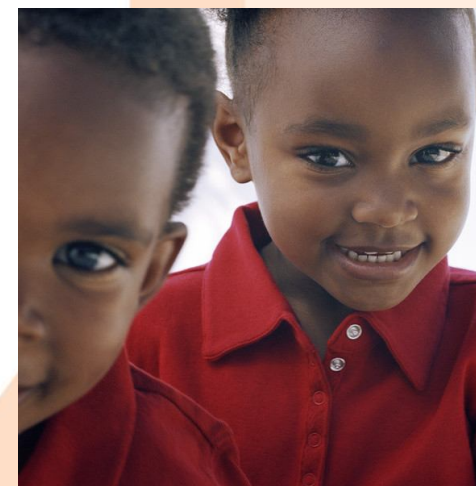


- Avoiding loose wording
 - Universal primary
 - Selective primary – towards those vulnerable
 - Secondary – responding to low level problems
 - Tertiary – responding when things have gone wrong
 - Quaternary – preventing long-term or inter-generational
- Intervention, or help?
- From whom?



Key challenges

- Engaging as early as possible
 - Early life experiences
 - Early relationships, good & bad
 - Development of capabilities
 - Potential to increase later development
- Moving up the scale of intrusiveness
- Increasing referrals
- Knowing what works
- Relying on programmes, or changing systems?
- Continuing to invest, from Early Intervention Grant



Recent Reports

- Frank Field
 - Prevent poor children becoming poor adults
 - Refocus Sure Start “on original purpose”
 - Shift money to early years services, not benefits
 - Better parenting
 - Good home learning environment
 - High quality child care, graduate led



- Graham Allen – “Early Intervention”
 - Reiterate the arguments, cross-party
 - Campaign on Parenting
 - Evidence-based programmes
- C4EO “Grasping the nettle”
 - EI works, when appropriate, applied well, following timely identification
 - Evidence – not just of stand-alone programmes
 - Engaging parents
 - Communications
 - Smarter working



Lessons

- Press for continued investment in early intervention
- ...by a skilled workforce in integrated teams...
- ...using what we know about supporting parenting...
- ...to monitor, and share, risk better



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