## Free Workshops in Raising Attendance, Attainment and Achievement Among Young Carers in Primary and Secondary Schools

There may be as many as one young carer per class in Norfolk's primary and secondary schools. It is widely recognised that many young carers underachieve compared to their school peers.

Norfolk County Council, the Healthy Schools Team, and the Norfolk Young Carers Forum, have developed a number of initiatives which aim to address some of the inequalities experienced by our young carers within education.

To launch these new initiatives a series of workshops will be delivered which would suit senior pastoral support staff, PSHE curriculum leaders, and Assistant Head-teachers.

## 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014 ~ 9.00 am to 11.30 am ~ Norwich PDC *or* 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014 ~ 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm ~ West Norfolk PDC

These workshops will:

- raise awareness of young carer issues.
- market the specialist support services that are available for young carers across Norfolk
- offer advice and guidance on how to support young carers and their families with a view to raising attainment.
- offer strategies for a whole school approach to supporting young carers that meet OFSTED requirements.
- launch new young carer led quality assurance awards that your school may wish to work towards.
- launch a new Healthy Schools Enhanced Status module which is based around supporting young carers and family diversity.

Your colleague/s will leave this event with:

- increased knowledge and awareness of young carer issues.
- ideas and resources for assemblies, PSHE lessons, and life-skills sessions.
- useful contacts and details of all support services in their localities.
- various options for developing strategies for raising educational attainment among young carers.

Workshops will be delivered in the Norwich and Kings Lynn areas and will feature: presentations, planning activities, and guest speakers from specialist support services for young carers.

There will also be a brief promotion from a theatre company who wish to tour Norfolk Schools with a dance production - based around a young carer and their experiences.

All bookings for these workshops should go via the Healthy Schools Team as detailed in the attached flyer. Priority places will be for appropriate primary or secondary school staff.

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