

Developing a Peer Support Scheme in Primary Schools

Last year we were pleased to enable several Norfolk Schools to be trained in peer support by Childline. I am writing to inform you about a preliminary meeting to be held at Breckland District Resource Base, Dereham, on 25th November 2008 1-3pm when Ian Hooper, CHIPS (ChildLine in Partnerships) Outreach and Training Coordinator, Childline, and Walters Tanifum, Acting Regional Coordinator, CHIPS, will be talking about offering training to Norfolk primary and secondary schools on peer support. It has just been agreed that peer support training and other training they offer will be FREE to schools from now on. If your school does decide to pursue this, a formal training session will be arranged to take place in the spring term. This is an excellent opportunity for your school to find out more about what is required to set up a peer support scheme.

We hope you will be able to join us on the day. If you would like to attend, can you confirm by telephone or e-mail to Heather Haycox at the Terrapin, address above, (e-mail: heather.haycox@norfolk.gov.uk) **by 5th November**, as there are only a limited number of places.

Ian is also able to offer training on a variety of other topics relating to bullying awareness, workshops for parents and cyberbullying assemblies and lunchtime supervisory training and will advise further. If you have any questions about this and other training offered by Childline, please contact Ian directly on ihopper@NSPCC.org.uk or telephone 01733 207620.

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