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This month:

- **In the News:** SEN Green Paper Pathfinders; Pupil Premium Funding set to Double; Federated Schools see improved Outcomes
- **Research, Reports & Surveys:** Young Carer Pathfinder Evaluation; LSCB Good Practice Report; 2011 Looked After Children Statistics Released; Young People & Politics in Britain research report
- **Guidance, Resources & Good Practice:** Early Advice Empowers Families
- **Consultations:** Changes to Care to Learn Childcare Support; Guidance on role & responsibilities of DCS & Lead member for Children's Services.

In the News

- >> Consultation recommendations to [merge Children's Commissioner & Children's Rights Director role](#)
- >> [Government announces 20 pathfinders to test out proposals in the SEN & disabilities green paper](#) including Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly.
- >> The Children's Workforce Development Council is spending [£8.5m to help local authorities implement recommendations from Professor Eileen Munro's review](#) of child protection.
- >> [Thousands of disadvantaged two year olds, and those living in care, stand to benefit from an extra year of free early education](#), under Government plans
- >> [Government trials parenting classes for all parents of children under five](#) as part of plans to increase support for parents to help them communicate better with their children, encourage good behavior, and prevent problems developing later on.
- >> The [total funding available for the Pupil Premium is set to double](#) and will rise to £1.25bn in 2012-13.
- >> [£50million pupil premium summer school announced](#) by the Deputy Prime Minister to help the most disadvantaged pupils make the transition from primary to secondary school.
- >> [All schools are now able to vary their school day to benefit their pupils.](#)
- >> [Federated schools see improved outcomes](#) say Ofsted
- >> The government's [proposed changes to the youth justice system could cost local authorities an additional half a billion pounds each year](#), an investigation by CYP Now has found.

Research, Reports & Surveys

- >> [Official statistics on families receiving support from family intervention services in England](#) up to March 2011 show an overwhelmingly positive picture of how intensive family intervention can successfully turn around the lives of families who have many complex problems.
- >> DfE Research Brief - [Turning around the lives of families with multiple problems - an evaluation of the family & Young Carer pathfinder programme](#). This evaluation examines the various models of support, their impact on families and services, and the broader economic implications.
- >> [Parents in the UK struggle to find time to be with their children](#) and to challenge the commercial pressures around them, the latest Unicef report has found.

Be Healthy

>> [NFER report on local authority perceptions of how parents & young people with SEN will be affected by the 2011 Green Paper](#) suggests parent will be left disappointed with level of school choice

>> National Institute for Clinical Excellence guidance advocates [collaborative approach to support services for autistic children](#)

>> Children's Society report [Someone on Our Side](#) calls for an overhaul of advocacy support for disabled children after latest research showed widespread problems with current services.

>> Guidance issued to [improve hospice care to support children and young people with life-limiting conditions and their families](#)

>> Researchers at the UCL Institute of Child Health's department of general and adolescent suggest [NHS surveys ignore the views of under 16's](#)

>> [In it for the long haul](#): this report explores the key opportunities and challenges facing public health in its new landscape.

Stay Safe

>> [Improving child protection by shining the light on good practice](#). Ofsted report provides examples of how a number of Local Safeguarding Children Boards are showing the way in improving child protection.

>> [2011 Looked After Children statistics released](#), showing a national increase of two per cent on 2010 and the highest number since 1987.

>> Research report ['Standing on my own two feet': disadvantaged teenagers, intimate partner violence and coercive control](#) from the University of Bristol and the NSPCC looks at intimate partner violence in the relationships of disadvantaged young people.

Enjoy + Achieve

>> [Provisional teacher assessment scores show that thousands of seven year olds have fallen behind in the 3R's](#) after just three years at school, with a marked difference between the poorest children & the rest.

>> [Independent study provides sufficient evidence to roll out a new phonics check](#) nationally next year.

>> [NO Excuses A review of educational exclusion](#) by the Centre for Social Justice urges schools to draft in voluntary support as a substitute for education welfare services.

>> [Universities UK Annual Conference: Speech by Vince Cable](#) about the aims and benefits of the new model of higher education funding.

>> [Play England launch interactive nature play map](#) after research reveals that less than 25% of children today play in their local 'patch of nature' compared to over 50% of their parents when they were a child.

+ Contribution

>> [Young People & Politics in Britain](#) - study reveals that young people are interested in political matters, have a clear youth-orientated agenda expressing anxiety about their immediate educational and employment prospects.

>> The [task of making all young people complete the National Citizen Service summer pilots has been a "struggle"](#), with as many as one in four children dropping out before the end, project managers have told CYP Now.

>> [Children and young adults are leaving custody without being issued a National Insurance number](#), hampering their chances of successful resettlement, it has been claimed.

Economic Wellbeing

>> [4Children survey reveals strain on parents' incomes spells uncertainty for extended services](#)

>> New [survey from Daycare Trust & Save the Children](#) shows soaring cost of childcare is pushing the poorest out of work and children into poverty

>> According to figures in [Not Seen and Not Heard](#) by Sound Off For Justice and JustRights, Government proposals will see tens of thousands of children affected through their parents losing access to legal aid.

>> [More homes, but how?](#) A new report from the National Housing Federation (NHF) and Oxford Economics restated the problem in no uncertain terms: despite being one of the richest nations in the world, we are failing to provide enough homes for our people.

Guidance, Resources & Good Practice

>> [Early Advice Empowers Families](#): Good practice from WeSail (Wakefield Early Support, Advice, Information and Liaison) providing early support to families with children with additional needs

Consultations

>> [Protecting children and young people: the responsibilities of doctors](#). Consultation closes 14th October.

>> [DfE launches consultation on proposals to allow schools to appoint the talented and experienced teachers they need](#). Consultation Closes: 16th December 2011.

>> Consultation on [Changes to the Care to Learn Childcare support](#) scheme has been launched and seeks the views of schools and other stakeholders on options for the future of the Care to Learn childcare support scheme for young parents in education or training in England. Closes 28th October

>> [Revised Statutory Guidance on the Roles and Responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services and the Lead Member for Children's Services](#). Closing Date: Friday 6 January 2012