



**Lanarkshire
Community Justice
Authority**

Funding Developments Proforma

About your project

1. Project name

What is the name of your project?

Circle's HMP Cornton Vale and HMP Greenock – Meet at the Gate Project

2. Project summary

Tell us about your project, what you plan to do, what you plan to spend the money on and where the project will be located.

Circle wishes to employ one designated family support worker based in Lanarkshire to support women with children returning to their families in Lanarkshire from HMP Cornton Vale and HMP Greenock.

Circle currently has a worker based in HMP Cornton Vale who is able to identify women who fit the criteria. This worker undertakes initial assessments of the women, prepares them for this difficult transition and will introduce them to their family support worker based in Lanarkshire thus enabling a more effective handover to take place. From 6 April we will also have a worker based in HMP Greenock.

The family support worker based in Lanarkshire will work with between 10 and 15 families per year.

The activities will be individual, couple, family and extended family work with the objective of developing parenting capacity, minimising the risk to children from parental drug and alcohol use and imprisonment and reducing reoffending. The activities include both practical and emotional support, for example, establishing routines and boundaries at home, ensuring children are attending nursery and school, supporting parents in making and attending all necessary appointments. Families are involved in developing their own work plans with their worker and these plans are monitored and reviewed on a regular basis to ensure goals are being met and new goals set.

We regularly gather information from a range of professionals including social workers, addiction workers and health and education workers. We ask service users and partner agencies to complete an annual questionnaire about their views of the service they have received to inform our own annual internal evaluation of all our services to aid forward planning.

The Robertson Trust is funding the external evaluation of this work

3. Your outcomes

Briefly describe what difference your project will make by listing proposed outcomes (the difference your project will make to the people who use it)

Circle's outcomes are:

- children living in safe, protected and stimulated environment
- improved parenting skills
- increased motivation and sense of responsibility as parents
- reduced reoffending

Apart from the outcomes listed above Circle incorporates the 9 National Offender Outcomes with the addition of 'improving life skills' into our work as we feel we are already achieving the majority of these outcomes with the families we are currently working with. (see 2 case studies)

By working in partnership with other agencies we also support the parents in accessing services that help them achieve the following outcomes:

- reduced or stabilised substance use
- improved literacy skills
- employability prospects improved
- the ability to access and sustain suitable accommodation

4. Target Group

(E.g. young offenders, women offenders, specific social needs, people at a particular stage in the criminal justice process)

Women offenders, either on remand or coming to the end of their sentence who have children affected by parental substance use and/or imprisonment.

5. Contribution to LCJA priorities

(how does this project contribute to reducing reoffending and the priorities set by the CJA in the area plan 2008-11)

The project contributes to reducing reoffending by addressing the following priorities set by the CJA in the area plan 2008-11

- 2.2.2 Monitor that women from Lanarkshire are able to access services from their local community while in custody (we provide services to the women and their families while they are in custody and after they are released)
- 2.3.1 Establish the most effective model of voluntary throughcare for Lanarkshire and facilitate the take up of this service (we support the women and their families in accessing services in their local communities)
- 2.5.4 Maximise the information currently supplied to families of prisoners by partner agencies (we help children and the extended family, usually grandparents, understand the processes and systems they encounter as a result of their mothers imprisonment)
- 2.5.5 Ensure agencies take account of the needs of families of offenders (we support partner agencies in understanding the impact of imprisonment on families, in particular, the children)

6. Project Costs

Please give estimates of costs for the project

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| Costs: May 2010 to March 2011 | |
| Employment costs (salary, NI and pension for 1 staff | £30,270 |
| Equipment costs (1 laptop) | 920 |
| Service delivery costs (activities, travel, phone, etc) | 3,210 |
| Organisation costs (management, admin, insurance, etc) | 2,300 |
| Total: | £37,000 |

About your organisation

7. Organisation name

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8. Contact for the project

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| Grant Sugden |
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9. organisation type

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| Voluntary organisation providing family support services to hard to reach and difficult to engage families with children marginalised by poverty and discrimination. |
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10. Signatory

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