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Thursday 19th March 2009

10.00am to 4.00pm

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Our special careers fair can help to find you a job working with children

ANYONE who has ever wanted to work with children, young people and their families is being offered the ideal opportunity to find out more at a special event in Worcester.

The Every Child Matters Careers Fair takes place tomorrow at the Fownes Hotel in City Walls Road, from 10am to 4pm when about 30 exhibitors will be providing information and advice.

Admission is free of charge.

Your *Worcester News*, in association with Worcestershire County Council's Early Years and Childcare Service, is hosting the event to give people the chance to find out more about the variety of careers available.

Jodie Varney, event organiser at the *Worcester News*, said: "We are really excited about this fair. Last year we saw more than 400 people looking for opportunities and training for working with children, young people and their families

"The day was a huge success

with very positive feedback from those who took part and from visitors to the fair. We are hoping that this year's event will build on that success and will provide something for everyone."

There will be a number of organisations on hand to offer advice and practical information about possible career paths, training, qualifications, employment opportunities, working with children with special needs and/or disabilities, the services on offer from the Early Years and Childcare Service and much more.

Jodie said: "We have put together a comprehensive list of about 30 exhibitors to ensure that people go home with their questions answered. There are so many jobs from voluntary positions through to working in early years education, being a teaching assistant, youth work, fostering and adoption and many other opportunities.

"There are so many options for anyone with an interest in this area, all that information



ADVICE: There will be a number of organisations at the Every Child Matters Careers Fair to offer advice and practical information about possible career paths, training, qualifications, employment opportunities and how you can work with children who have special needs or disabilities.

will be accessible on the day and visitors should leave with a good idea of their next steps for this chosen career path."

Among the stands at Fownes Hotel will be Worcestershire Council Council's Early Years and Childcare Service and its

Family Information Service.

Rachael Oakley, recruitment officer, said: "We provide free and impartial information for anyone looking for a career working with children, young people and their families.

"We offer support throughout

the recruitment process and we have had a number of success stories."

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- NVQ 2 & 3 Childrens Care, Learning & Development

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Discover a world of opportunities in childcare work

THE Every Child Matters Careers Fair is an ideal opportunity to find out about ways you can work with children, young people and families, as well as working within your local community in a voluntary capacity.

A variety of colleges and independent training groups will be present at Fownes Hotel, Worcester, tomorrow, as well as voluntary groups and Children's Services.

This will provide you with a variety of options to take your career forward.

Rachel Oakley, Worcestershire County Council's Early Years and Childcare workforce development officer, said: "For those people already working with children and young people the careers fair will be an ideal way to find out more about other careers that you could progress into."

The event is also the place to find out about Children's Centres which are open to all families with youngsters under the age of five.

Although families can use any Children's Centre in Worcestershire, there will be one providing services and activities locally.

A Children's Centre can help with looking for employment, education, training and advise on what financial assistance is available to your family.

It is also able to organise regular fun courses and training on a number of subjects.

The Family Information Service will also be on hand to offer impartial information and advice to parents and carers who are thinking of returning to work. Choosing childcare, free nursery education places and financial assistance can all be discussed and a whole lot more.

Staff manning its stand will be happy to welcome visitors and will be happy to answer their questions.

If you cannot attend the careers fair, or would like to know more, contact the Family Information Service on 01905 790560.

CLAIRE FRY



CHILD'S PLAY: Visit the Children's Centre stand at the fair to discover what jobs are available.

Children's Centres in Worcestershire

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HELP: Get advice from Worcestershire County Council's Early Years and Childcare Service stand at tomorrow's Every Child Matters Careers Fair.



Impartial advice available to you at special event

FREE and impartial advice about careers working with children, young people and their families in Worcestershire will be on offer by visiting Worcestershire County Council's Early Years and Childcare Service stand at the Every Child Matters Careers Fair tomorrow. The recruitment and training team will be on hand to offer information and advice on many aspects of a career in childcare.

Jobseekers can register their details for free, employers can advertise their vacancies and there's even a matching service to bring the two together. A free 12-hour introductory programme called Choices, provides details of the careers available and childminding co-ordinators can also provide specialist support if you are interested in becoming a childminder.

Rachael Oakley, recruitment officer, said: "We provide free and impartial information on training, qualifications, employment opportunities and much more for anyone interested in working with children, young people and families."

"We offer advice and practical information through our free 12-hour introductory programme called Choices which can be a stepping stone on to voluntary or paid employment or towards undertaking a qualification. The recruitment process we offer is flexible to suit anyone's needs and help them achieve a career working with

children, young people and families."

The inclusion team will also be there on the day to offer information to anyone who is interested in working with children with special needs and/or disabilities.

The Family Information Service will also be available and can support parents returning to work by providing information about childcare and their



SUPPORT: Take advice and make the right choice.

rights as a working parent. It also offers guidance about financial assistance available including childcare vouchers, free early education places for three and four year-olds and working tax credits.

Alternatively, you can request all the above information by calling the Family Information Service on 01905 790560 or by e-mailing familyinfo@worcestershire.gov.uk. You can also visit worcestershire.gov.uk/familyinfo.

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WHO'S AT THE FAIR

You can get help and advice from the following exhibitors at the Every Child Matters Careers Fair:

- Adoption & Fostering Team.
- The Childcare Company.
- Children's Centres.
- Ciccionas Nanny Service.
- Connaught Education.
- Connexions H&W.
- Crackerjack Training.
- Evesham and Malvern Hills College.
- Home-Start.
- JHP Training Group Ltd.
- JobCentre Plus.
- Kidderminster College.
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- VT Training.
- Worcestershire Acute Trust.
- Worcester College of Technology.
- Worcestershire County Council Youth Support.
- Worcestershire County Council's Family Information Service.
- Worcestershire County Council's Recruitment Team.
- Worcester Volunteer Centre.
- YMCA Worcester.

Take advantage of expert knowledge all under one roof

MORE than 30 exhibitors will be offering help and advice at tomorrow's Every Child Matters Fair. Being held at the Fownes Hotel in City Walls Road, Worcester, between 10am and 4pm, the event, it is being hosted by Worcestershire County Council's Early Years and Childcare Service, together with your Worcester News and already, it looks as if it is going to be a great success. Elaine Woodward, manager of Connaught Education, a temporary educational recruitment agency said it was looking forward to the event. She said: "We have a lot of employment opportunities

to fill and get cover for. "This is the first time Connaught Education has been here and we are sure it will be a great event." It will be the fourth time Kidderminster College has been to the fair, and early years tutor Lesley White said it is a useful way to meet people and prospective students. She said: "It means we can give advice and guidance on the courses available, as there is such a wide range of them. "We will be able to get

people onto the right course for them. Being this early on in the year is beneficial as people have time to think about what they want to do. So it is great for school leavers and also mature students and people wanting to retrain." Lindsey Clode, manager of Smileys Childcare Agency based in Stourbridge, West Midlands, will be looking to get a lot of qualified childcare workers on her books. She said: "We are very excited about the event as it is going to be an ideal opportunity to meet lots of people that might be interested in registering with the agency. We specialise in home based child care, such as nanny's, home helps and babysitters." **CLAIRE FRY**



HERE TO HELP: Home-Start offers families a lifeline and is one of the exhibitors at the careers fair. Picture by Nick Toogood 10163405



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Interested in working with children, young people and their families?

Our **free** introductory programme, 'Choices', may be just what you need to get information, one to one advice and guidance on the next steps available to you.

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- Working with children
- Becoming a childminder
- Career options
- Training opportunities
- 'Choices'- our free 12 hour introductory programme offering:
 - Information, advice and guidance
 - One to one support
 - Next steps towards qualifications and employment
- Current vacancies and vacancy matching service
- Links to other careers working with children, young people and their families.



Visit our stands at the Every Child Matters Careers Fair and find out what we can do for you.