

## HAPPYFAMILIESHAPPYFUTURES

At this challenging time during the current Covid 19 Pandemic and with families following Government guidance to remain at home there is a risk of increased parental conflict. The Happy Families, Happy Futures programme is designed to improve communication and ease tension between parents or carers, supporting a happy environment for their children.

This support is available for parents who are in a relationship or separated and includes step-parent's, adoptive parents and those who have caring responsibilities for children, e.g. grandparents and other individuals where there is a Residence Order. Expecting parents who are separated can also access support.

**The two local organisations delivering the Happyfamilieshappyfutures offer in Devon (Exeter Community Initiative – Wider Devon, Home Start South & West Devon – South Hams Only) are still accepting referrals for support. All referrals can be made through the Dorset gateway hub <http://www.dorsetnexus.org.uk/Page/13594>**

Due to the current pandemic both providers have moved to a virtual delivery of support to ensure that course materials can be delivered to parents. They are now in a position to deliver Family Check Up, Triple P and Within My Reach. Our providers can deliver one of the programmes to parents as long as they have a smartphone, as a minimum and support will continue to be delivered either on a 1:1 basis (Family Check Up) or as a group (Triple P/Within My Reach), based on need.

**Important referral process update**, there is no longer a requirement for a 'wet signature' on the participation agreement during this time. The agreement can be completed electronically and based on verbal consent to enable referrals to be completed by telephone. It is important that a practitioner has discussed the participation agreement with the parent, checked their understanding, offered a copy of the form via email or post and can confirm they have obtained verbal consent.

**Further information can be accessed at**  
**<http://www.dorsetnexus.org.uk/Page/13594>**

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