

INFORMATION SHARING – NOVEMBER 2024

COMING UP FROM THE EHP:

Engage, connect, and discover new partnerships through our Community Network Meetings – these meetings are a great opportunity

for professionals across all sectors, working with babies, children and young people in Sandwell to come together on a locality basis and get to know each other, network and assist in making working together easier.

If you would like to join us at one or more of our upcoming Community Network Meetings, please book your place(s) using the links below. **Please note booking is essential, all meetings are face to face only.**



LOCALITY and VENUE	DATES and TIMES	BOOKING
OLDBURY - Christchurch C of E Primary School, Albert Street, Oldbury B69 4DE	Mon 10 Feb 2025, 9.30am – 11.30am Mon 16 June 2025, 9.30am – 11.30am	https://buytickets.at/scvo/1374047
ROWLEY - Cradley Heath Community Centre, Reddal Hill Road, Cradley Heath B64 5JG	Tues 25 Feb 2025, 9.30am – 11.30am Thurs 5 June 2025, 9.30am – 11.30am	https://buytickets.at/scvo/1374055
SMETHWICK - Brasshouse Community Centre, Brasshouse Lane, Smethwick B66 1BA	Thurs 6 Feb 2025, 1.00pm – 3.00pm Thurs 12 June 2025, 1.00pm – 3.00pm	https://buytickets.at/scvo/1374074
TIPTON - St Pauls Community Centre, Brick Kiln Street, Tipton DY4 8QL	Weds 12 Feb 2025, 10.00am – 12.00noon Weds 11 June 2025, 10.00am – 12.00noon	https://buytickets.at/scvo/1374068
WEDNESBURY - Friar Park Millennium Centre, Friar Park Road, Wednesbury WS10 0JS	Weds 5 March 2025, 1.15pm – 3.15pm Weds 4 June 2025, 1.15pm – 3.15pm	https://buytickets.at/scvo/1374085
WEST BROMWICH – WB Collegiate Academy, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich B70 7LE	Weds 26 Feb 2025, 9.30am – 11.30am Weds 18 June 2025, 9.30am – 11.30am	https://buytickets.at/scvo/1373999



Vision 2030 Main Grants Programme

Up to £5000 to support the following priorities in, and across Sandwell:

- **Building Social Connections** - tackling loneliness/ social isolation across all ages.
- **Healthy Lives**- promoting/supporting healthy living, including physical activity and good mental health.

Closing date: Monday 25th November 9.00am

Further information can be found [here](#)



Vision 2030 Sports Activity Grant Programme

Grants up to £5000 supporting Sandwell community-based sports activities and opportunities to get more people involved.

Closing date: Monday 25th November 9.00am. Further information can be found [here](#)

2025 project delivery project ideas and proposals welcomed for discussion.

Please note, ahead of any application release under the Vision 2030 Grant Programme, a conversation is required with SCVO to discuss your project proposal by contacting either Liz Webster liz@scvo.info/07923259821 or Stuart Ashmore Stuart@scvo.info/ [0121 525 1127](tel:01215251127)

TRAINING/EVENTS/RESOURCES:

Online **Domestic Abuse training** sessions available to Officers in Sandwell throughout the year.

Details of **all** the dates and booking can be done here
<https://training.sandwellscb.org.uk/events-list?c=72>



DO YOU CARE FOR OR WORK WITH CHILDREN WITH SEND AGED 0-5 IN SANDWELL?

Interested in improving your local early years services?

This collaborative programme brings together parents, practitioners and local decision makers to help improve outcomes for younger children with SEND and their families.

**IMPROVE OUTCOMES | CO-PRODUCTION | INCLUSION
DIVERSITY | IMPROVE WELLBEING | BUILD RELATIONSHIPS**

22 October & 20 November 2024, 9.30 am – 12.00 pm

Join us for a two part conversation

[Register for your place on Eventbrite](#) or scan QR code



Contact is a trading name of Contact a Family. Charity registered in England and Wales (264812) and Scotland (SC020100).

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Tuesday 22nd October 2024 - 09:30am - 12:00pm

WORKING WITH UNDER-REPRESENTED GROUPS

- Understand who are under-represented and under-served groups locally
- Challenges and barriers to reaching them
- Why is it important to work with under-represented groups in the early years?

Wednesday 20th November 2024 - 9:30am - 12:00pm

WELCOMING AND INCLUDING FAMILIES

- Building networks and inclusion
- Listening skills, communication, building relationships
- Co-production - designing services collaboratively with early years families

These workshops support Sandwell Family Hubs to improve outcomes and wellbeing for early years children with SEND and their families, with a focus on co-production, inclusion and supporting families from under-represented communities. It is funded by DfE and delivered through the [Early Years SEND partnership](#).

Who are Contact?

Contact is the UK charity for families with disabled children. We give advice and information about any aspect of raising a disabled child, including help in the early years, finances, education, emotional and practical support.

contact.org.uk

[Scan me for more information](#)

[or visit link](#)



contact For families with disabled children

To register your place, click here:

[Improving services together - Early Years SEND practitioners and parents Tickets | Eventbrite](#)



Brook recognises that Professionals who work with young people are facing the task of dealing with Misogynistic behaviours and beliefs.

Brook are offering a **FREE** three hour training to help recognise the signs in young people and how to **empower professionals with the knowledge and skills to develop young people's critical engagement with online and offline misogyny**. The training will take place online on **Friday 15 November 2024, 10.00am – 1.00pm**. To register for this session please register using the link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sandwell-tackling-misogyny-training-tickets-1054824030069?aff=oddttdtcreator>

WeMatter delivers the CYP Domestic Abuse Recovery Toolkit, which offers a range of activities and discussions informed by Trauma Focused Cognitive Behaviour Therapy. This group programme is designed to help children and young people understand their own experiences, develop healthy coping strategies, increase levels of safety and achieve positive future relationships.

Information for Staff including the referral process can be found [here](#)

Cost of Living, Budgeting and Scam Awareness Training

Citizens Advice are delivering the below **FREE** training workshops for Professionals, Staff or Volunteers to attend (sorry not for public/clients).



Monday 25th November 2024, 10.00am – 1.00pm
at Friar Park Millennium Centre, Friar Park Road, Wednesbury WS10 0JS.

Pre-booking is required and places are limited, if you would like to book please request a place by sending an email to: cheryl.s@citizensadviceandwell-walsall.org

The training sessions/workshop is through a Train the Trainer style approach and focuses on a range of relevant financial capability topics and cost of living subjects to equip participants with comprehensive knowledge and practical skills.

The training looks at trusted online resources and tools, also to include Sandwell Council's Supporting Sandwell/ Resilient Residents tools, all invaluable for both frontline workers and residents seeking reliable guidance.

By empowering you with knowledge and practical strategies, the aim is to enhance your ability to support individuals in navigating financial challenges and the cost of living.

Between us we can help and support our residents across Sandwell to have access to manage everyday more efficiently.



The **NSPCC's** Development and Implementation Team are hosting a **free online event** on **26th November** during the 16 Days of Activism.

The event will explore some of the ways the NSPCC is working to protect children from domestic abuse and how professionals can play their part in doing the same.

The event will feature:

- A Welcome from Nicole Jacobs, Domestic Abuse Commissioner
- What NSPCC are doing to protect children from Domestic Abuse: NSPCC Policy Team
- An introduction to Domestic Abuse Recovering Together programme (DART)
- Supporting healthy relationships with young people: Niamh Kennedy, Talk Relationships

And much more! [Click here to reserve your FREE space](#)

Together we can make a difference and ensure children's voices are heard.

NSPCC have also recently published: [Voluntary agencies: learning from case reviews](#). A summary of key issues and learning for improved practice for voluntary agencies October 2024

BARNARDOS

Stepping into Parenthood:

Changing the way we think about Parenting Programmes

Join us for a day of exploring Programmes for Parent/Carers delivered by Barnardo's and the wider offer within Sandwell Family Hubs from 0 - 19 years (25 with SEND)

Thursday 16th January 2025, 9.30 - 4.30pm, West Bromwich Albion Ground



This event is your chance to dive into the world of parenting like never before! Join us at West Bromwich Albion Football Club for a day filled with speed networking through the Programmes for Parents offer, interactive workshop to explore the programmes from a parent/carers perspective, and expert advice from the parenting team.

Whether you're a new professional in Sandwell or a seasoned pro, this day will challenge your current beliefs on Parenting Programmes and help you discover new ways to support the Parent/Carers you are supporting. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with other professionals, explore the wider Family Hub offer and gain valuable insights in new Programmes being delivered from January onwards.

How to book

01

Click the link below to secure your place

02

Select the programmes you would like to find out more about - you will get 2 of your three choices

03

Add the date to your diary

BOOK NOW [CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE](#) [MORE INFO](#)

CALL 0121 556 5405 OR EMAIL RACHEL.JESSON@BARNARDOS.ORG.UK



BCWA Women's Justice Services
we listen, we support, we care



A PROJECT OF
Black Country Women's Aid
we listen, we support, we care

Be You is our new, free service for girls aged 11-19 at risk of offending. We will work closely with schools to help girls to:

- Develop confidence, self-belief and aspirations to keep them safe from criminal exploitation
- Benefit from the structure and supervision of school to help avoid suspension and exclusion
- Improve lifeskills including resisting negative peer pressure, establishing healthy relationships and developing better ways to transition into adulthood
- Build positive, supportive networks to reduce their risk of offending

For further details, download the 'Be You' service poster [here](#).

To refer a pupil, please email youthjustice@blackcountrywomensaid.co.uk or call 0121 553 0090

Parent Line

Sandwell and West Birmingham with You



If you are a Parent or Carer of a child in Sandwell aged 5-19 and would like some confidential advice and support, from a School Nurse

Text 07312 263756



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BIG SiSTER

A programme designed by girls, for girls to help them discover the journey of getting active together

Free* or discounted membership at any Places Leisure centre for girls aged 9-15
*Proof of eligibility required

Want to join us?
Here's what's included...

- Unlimited gym use during Junior Gym hours, plus
- a gym induction (11-15 year olds)
- Unlimited swimming
- Age-appropriate classes including We Move classes
- Free access to Places Leisure App and Virtual Studio which includes a Big Sister channel

BIG SiSTER | **WOMEN'S SPORT**

SUPPORTED BY

Find out [more](#)



Sandwell Children's Safeguarding Partnership

The last of the SCSP Roadshow's around Sandwell's response to Working Together 23, including an overview of the ST*R Partnership Practice Model and Sandwell's Integrated Front Door took place on 17th October. There was great attendance across all 5 dates and some really positive feedback was received.

If you didn't manage to make it, or want to share the information across your teams/services you can find a recording on the SCSP website here

[STaR Partnership Practice Model and the Integrated Front Door - Sandwell CSP](#)

Reach & Reconnect

Health and digital literacy for
Sandwell residents

A new service to
support individuals
with accessing
online services
to improve
Health and Wellbeing

Contact: Ian
Mobile: 07976807743 or
email: ian@sweda.org.uk

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Reach and Reconnect

Do you struggle with the following?



I just don't know
where to get help



I don't have a
computer to access
the internet

When should I
call 999 or 111?



I can't make
appointments online
for my GP



I don't know
how to order my repeat
prescription



I don't understand
my health condition



WE CAN HELP!

Contact Ian

Office: 0121 525 2558

Mobile: 07976 807743 or Email: ian@sweda.org.uk



- ✓ Would like to meet other Deaf people and make new friends?
- ✓ Come on down to our Sign Café and enjoy socialising in a relaxing environment.
- ✓ For those who wish to practice their signing skills, this is the perfect opportunity.
- ✓ Why not come down and join us, food and drinks are available for purchase.

West Bromwich Community Centre,
Gayton Rd, West Bromwich, B71 1QS



2024

From 12 noon to 2pm.

20th November

18th December

Please contact Craig Potheary, our Well-Being coach, for
more information

Text/Facetime/WhatsApp
07885 913225

Email
craig_pothecary@sdca.co.uk



What is Sign Cafe?

Another Sign Cafe is taking place on both
20th November and 18th December from
12pm until 2pm. It will be held at **West
Bromwich Community Centre, Gayton Rd.,
West Bromwich, B71 1QS.**

It's an opportunity for the Deaf community to
meet and chat. People who have been signing
for a while but may have forgotten some signs
or be wanting to brush up their signing can
also come along and refresh their skills in a
relaxed environment.

There is also food and drink available to buy.
It's the perfect chance for people to join in and
socialise in a relaxed environment.

For more information, please contact Craig
Pothecary (Well-being Coach)
on craig_pothecary@sdca.co.uk

COMING UP FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES:

Santa's Grotto
at Friar Park Millennium Centre

1st December 2024 £2.50 per child gift included

Other Activities:
Table tops
Tarot reading
Food & Drink
Games
Music
Arts and Crafts
Live singer & Entertainer
Bouncy castle
Board games
All available on the day and lots more, prices may apply!

Santa's Grotto

10 minute slots starting from 12pm

Booking essential
0121 556 0139

e.connectorworker@yahoo.com

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AFTERNOON TEA WITH SANTA

FOOD AND GIFT INCLUDED
TAKE YOUR OWN PHOTO WITH SANTA

5pm - 8pm
Every Thursday & Friday from 21st November until 20th December 2024
EXCLUDING THE 6TH DECEMBER
Each sitting lasts 1 hour

£10 PER CHILD
BOOKING REQUIRED

Group booking available

Friar Park Millennium Centre
Friar Park Road | WS10 0JS

0121 556 0139 | e.connectorworker@yahoo.com

The Henry Smith Charity

THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE
FRIAR PARK, WEDNESBURY

WEDNESBURY YOUTH CLUB

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 6PM - 8PM
FRIAR PARK MILLENIUM CENTRE, FRIAR PARK ROAD, WEDNESBURY, WS10 0JS
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11+ YEARS

FREE ENTRY!

WARM DRINKS & SNACKS

ARTS & CRAFTS

SOMEONE TO TALK TO

SPORTS

GAMES CONSOLES

POOL TABLES

OFFSITE TRIPS

JUST! YOUTH
Not for sale to be used in London

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL:
YOUNGPEOPLE_SERVICES@SANDWELL.GOV.UK

YOUTH CLUB
invites you to
Art Therapy

Featuring art work

- ✓ Canvas art
- ✓ Leaf art
- ✓ Vegetable art
- ✓ Thread art
- ✓ Sticks art
- ✓ Spray art
- ✓ Glitter art
- ✓ Fabric art
- ✓ Hand art
- ✓ Brush Art

You imagine. We will create together with your family....

Thursdays Youth Club will be open 6.30pm-8.30pm

7 weeks programme
EVERY FRIDAY

EVERY FRIDAY FROM
8TH NOVEMBER 2024 - 20TH DECEMBER 2024
6.00pm - 9.30PM

Bring Family and Friends along!
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

COMMUNITY CONNECT FOUNDATION | CAMBRIDGE ROAD | SMETHWICK B66 2HR

0121 716 5109

goplaysandwell.co.uk

Citybury Rowley Regis Smethwick Tipton Wednesbury Walsall

Sessions aimed at 6 - 12-year-old
up to 16 years old for SEND

“The POWER of PLAY”

FREE PLAY SESSIONS

NEW THEME EACH WEEK!

UV LIGHTS URBAN FREESTYLE
MESSY PLAY RACING
AND SO MUCH MORE...

The Flame Community Church, Candale St B65 0LY
Mondays 3.30 PM - 6 PM
Wednesdays 3.30 PM - 6 PM

30th September - 23rd December
To sign up scan the QR Code

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SPORTING YOUR FUTURES
INFO@SPORTINGYOURFUTURES.ORG
07878904879

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THE GAP CHRISTIAN FAMILY CENTRE PRESENTS...

YOUTH CAFE!

FOR AGES 11-16
£3 PER PERSON
INCLUDES MEAL, ICE-CREAM AND DRINKS!

LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
6:30-8:30PM
HARGATE LANE, WEST BROMWICH
B71 1PH

CALL 0121-525-4442
OR
EMAIL [KIRSTY@THEGAPONLINE.ORG](mailto:kirsty@thegaponline.org)
FOR MORE INFO AND BOOKINGS

SPORTING YOUR FUTURES

YOUTH CLUB

Friday's 4.45 pm - 6.45 pm

Multi-sports, arts and crafts, and many more fun activities!

Ages 8 - 16

Cradley Heath Community Centre, Reddal Hill Road, B64 5JG

To register your interest scan the QR code

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Only £1

@sportingyf

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

WSE

Under 2's Sensory session

West Smethwick Enterprise are delivering a under 2's sensory class

Connect with other parents and bring your little one for nursery rhymes, sensory play, books and more.

For ages 0-2 years old

Come and join us at 9.45am-10.45am

Thursday 14th November
Thursday 28th November
Thursday 12th December

The session will be delivered at Stepping Stones Pre-school, St Paul's Road, Smethwick, B66 1EX

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT US
community@wsenterprise.co.uk
0121 565 3209/ 07803 857184

@westsmethwickenterprise

SCVO

Smethwick Fairbairn

FREE MAKATON TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

15TH OF NOVEMBER AND 17TH OF JANUARY

MAKATON TASTER WORKSHOP

10.00am - 12.00pm

To find out more and to book on please scan the QR code below or visit
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fantastic-journeys-cic>

WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE,
MESSENGER ROAD,
SMETHWICK, B66 3DX

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Smethwick Fairbairn



Also upcoming for Parents and Carers from Autism West Midlands:

Thursday 7th November:

Black Country [Online Autism Support](#) Sessions for Autistic Adults/Carers.

Sunday 10th November:

Black Country [Stay & Play](#)

Tuesday 12th November:

Sandwell [Parent/ Carer Evening Support](#) Group

Saturday 30th November:

Black Country [Online Whistle-stop Tour](#) of Educational Health Care Plans

Thursday 5th December:

Sandwell [Christmas Parent Carer Event](#)

SinglePoint Plus & New Beginnings Community Partnership

YOUNG PARENTS GROUP

A group for parents up to the age of 19

Opening Hours

EVERY WEDNESDAY

9.30am till 11am
Term Time Only

No Booking Required

St Marks Church
Thimblemill Road, Smethwick B67 6LP

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT EARLY YEARS PEER SUPPORT
ON 0121 544 1393
OR EMAIL EARLY.YEARS@SINGLEPOINTPLUS.ORG

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SPDC Parent Carer Newsletter November 2024

November at a glance!

Thursday 7th November
Carers M.O.T week 3

Monday 11th November
Hope Park & Coffee Morning

Tuesday 12th November
Bike Ride at Lewisham Park

Thursday 14th November
Carers M.O.T week 4

Wednesday 20th November
Coffee & Craft

Thursday 21st November
Carers M.O.T week 5

Thursday 26th November
SPDC Annual General Meeting

Thursday 28th November
Carers M.O.T week 6

Saturday 30th November
Christmas Craft Showcase

Tuesdays throughout November
Cost of Living Team

Support your fellow parent carers!

Plans are moving full steam ahead at SPDC with the upcoming Annual General Meeting. This is a great event to show your support and to help us to celebrate the achievements of the charity over the last 21 years.

New for this year, SPDC are offering the opportunity for parent carers to showcase and sell craft items at both the AGM as well as at our Christmas Craft Showcase so I am hoping you will join us in supporting fellow parent carers and raise funds for future SPDC activities so bring your pennies! (no card payments)

I look forward to catching up with you over the festive months and welcoming new families.

I am contactable on:
0121 565 2410, 07969 519701 or
email admin@sp-dc.org



Claire x

How to book activities!

Email your bookings to
spdcparentcarerbooking@sp-dc.org
and SPDC will send a confirmation email

November Activities for parent carers

Hope Park Production

Monday 11th November
Showtime 10am-11am
Coffee Morning 11am-12pm



The Oak House Museum, Oak Road, West Bromwich B70 8HJ

Drama & SOME CIC have kindly offered parent carers an exclusive showing of the performance Hope Park. A play of unexpected encounters as Ash explores the 5 ways to wellbeing. Limited spaces so book as soon as possible.



email spdcparentcarerbooking@sp-dc.org to book

November Activities for parent carers



Bike Ride & coffee!



Tuesday 12th November 9.30am-10.30am
Lewisham Park (opposite SPDC office), Great Arthur St, Smethwick B66 1DH
Meeting at Galton Valley Children's Centre reception
We are delighted to be able to offer you the chance to take a short leisurely bike ride led by Quasim from Stepping Stones in the community.

Whether you are a beginner, experienced or not tried to ride for some time, it is an opportunity for you to try something new!

Bikes and safety helmets will be supplied on the day

Following the bike ride, you will have the opportunity to have refreshments at SPDC HQ.

This is a bookable event and will need to be booked by
Monday 11th November.



November Activities for parent carers

Coffee & Craft



Wednesday 20th November 10.00am-11.30am
South Staffs Water Hub, Unit 17 Union Street, Wednesbury, WS10 7HD

Our popular monthly craft session is going on tour!
This month we will be exploring the art of wood burning to make a Christmas decoration, although this may not take all of the session, we would love to see what projects you are working on at home, bring it along and show your skill!
Whilst you are crafting you have the opportunity to speak with South Staff Water for advice.



Light refreshments available



This is a bookable event and will need to be booked by Monday 11th November.

SPDC Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 26th November 11am-12.30pm
Portway Lifestyle Centre, Newbury Lane, Oldbury B69 1HE



November Activities for parent carers

SPDC Christmas Craft Showcase

Saturday 30th November 10.00pm-12.00pm
Galton Valley Children's Centre, Great Arthur Street, Smethwick, B66 1DH



SANDWELL PARENTS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN
Christmas Craft Showcase
Saturday 30th November 2024
Galton Valley Children's Centre, Great Arthur St, Smethwick B66 1DH
Doors open at 10am
Many parent carers choose to be creative to improve their mental health whilst taking time out from the daily struggles that they face.
SPDC are offering the opportunity for parent carers to showcase and sell their craft in time for Christmas.
Please join SPDC to support the crafters, fundraise and enjoy a festive morning!
Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day.

email spdcparentcarerbooking@sp-dc.org to book



Struggling with the cost of living?
We can help...

Our cost of living advisers offer free support with:

Benefits Budgeting Debt
Employment Energy



Cost of Living Team

Tuesdays throughout November
Galton Valley Childrens Centre, Great Arthur Street, Smethwick, B66 1DH

The cost of living Team are continuing with services on Tuesdays at SPDC HQ for the time being! Don't worry if you have not received your migration letter for universal credit.....be ahead of the game and beat the queues!

Please call 0121 565 2410 to book your place.

SPDC want to offer a huge thank you to the volunteers and supporters that help SPDC to make the parent carer programme so successful. Your support is vital and much appreciated!



Contact us!

Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children
Galton Valley Childrens Centre, Great Arthur Street, Smethwick, B66 1DH
Tel 0121 565 2410
Email info@sp-dc.org
Charity Number 1125576



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Family Club Newsletter
can be downloaded
[here](#)

If you would like to share any upcoming activities, events, training opportunities, new services or a good news story, please feel free to send over to me earlyhelp@scvo.info or drop me a line on **07587 136072**

Take care and have a good day.

Angel, Early Help Partnership Co-ordinator



www.sandwellearlyhelp.info - targeted services/EWB portal, resources, training opportunities and more.

www.sandwellfamilylife.info - listing over 600 local universal activities for CYP and families.