

# Early help



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# What is early help?

Often when one person in a family has a problem, it can affect other people in the family. Early help can include support with: parenting, employment, housing issues, financial difficulties, substance misuse, domestic abuse, parental conflict, education, school attendance and mental health.

Any professional working with a family, such as schools, health services and voluntary sector organisations, can offer early help services as soon as they can see that advice or support may be needed.



**Education, early years and childcare**



**Family support, parenting and parental conflict**



**Domestic abuse**



**Restore**



## Children's centres and Family hubs



## Support for children with SEND



## Warrington Youth Service



## Warrington Play and Sensory Centre

If the problem hasn't been resolved and further support is needed, our early help teams are here to support you.

The early help team consists of early years support, children centre support workers, family hubs, family support workers, parenting, domestic abuse and youth teams who will continue to provide support to children, young people and their families.

# Early help support process for families

## 1 Getting help

A professional you already know, such as a teacher or health visitor, might suggest you would benefit from early help. You can also ask these professionals about early help as well. Any professional can request these services for families, by completing a multi-agency request for support (MARS) form.

## 2 Talking with you

If you would like to take up the offer of early help, a worker will talk about your strengths and any difficulties you are facing, as well as extra support you think you may need. This is called an Early Help Assessment.

## 3 Making a plan

You will be invited to a Team Around the Family (TAF) meeting, where professionals will work with you to set goals, agree on actions, and identify available support. A plan will be created, detailing who will do what and when. A Lead Professional will guide the process, keep you informed, listen to your views, and support you throughout. This plan will then be reviewed to see if it is working, if any changes need to be made, or if early help can stop.



Find out more about our early help services:

[warrington.gov.uk/early-help](http://warrington.gov.uk/early-help)



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