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Welcome

Welcome to the **Parenting across Scotland Practice Newsletter** for parenting practitioners. Whether you work directly or indirectly with

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Other news

Feedback

If you would like to submit an article for the December 2015 issue please send it to the **editor** by 6 November.

Thanks!

Thanks to all those who contributed to this bulletin including Lesley Kelly, Claire Lightowler, Alison Parkes, Clare Simpson, Claire Telfer, Kirsten Tomlinson and Shelagh Young.

Editorial policy

The PAS Practice Newsletter will include any copy that may be of interest to its readers in

families or the policies which affect them, it will keep you up to date with what's happening in parenting across the UK.

Events

Meeting the childcare challenge

30 September, 2pm to 7pm, Edinburgh

Following up the Commission for Childcare Reform's calls, the Childcare Alliance is planning the above **event** with keynote speaker, Naomi Eisenstadt, recently appointed poverty adviser to the Scottish Government. Panel discussion with Iain Gray, MSP, Scottish Labour, Liam McArthur, MSP, Scottish Liberal Democrats, and Aileen Campbell, Minister for Children and Young People.

Relationship first aid

The Spark is running '**relationship first aid**' training for early years practitioners between now and the end of March 2016.

Check out what else is **coming up**.

If you're planning an event, **send us the details** and we'll post it on our website.

News

Digital families

A new collaboration involving PAS - **Digital Families** - is running three

the PAS community. We will notify you if we are unable to include an item. Copy submitted for publication is accepted on the basis that it may be edited to ensure coherence within the publication. The views expressed by individual contributors do not necessarily reflect those of PAS.

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events over the Autumn/Winter to look at the impact of digital technology on family life.

Living it: children, young people and justice

Young people and politicians discussed changes to the criminal justice system and support for families at a **recent event at the Scottish Parliament**.

Policy

Policy update

Check out our **policy page** for a round-up of recent policy issues, including developments under the National Parenting Strategy; children's right not to be assaulted; and the new national police domestic abuse disclosure scheme.

Childcare consultations

A review of local authority consultations with parents aimed to ensure that all parents (especially those who are hard to reach) were included.

Meeting the childcare challenge

The Commission for Childcare Reform published its **final report into childcare** in June resulting in widespread media coverage and discussion at First Minister's Questions. First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, welcomed the report, and said that the Scottish Government would carefully consider the recommendations.

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Resources

Getting information to parents and carers: PAS publishes practice note

Parents and carers want information about all sorts of issues connected to bringing up children. They also need good quality information to help them make choices which will affect them and their children. So, what's the best way to get this to them? PAS has written this practice note to help guide services which produce information for parents and carers.

Read On Get On

Over one in ten children in Scotland are already behind in their language skills by age three. Children experiencing poverty are twice as likely as their peers to be behind. The **Read On Get On campaign**, wants to get all five-year-olds ready to read for day one of primary one, and able to read well by the end of primary seven.

Research

What work-life balance?

How are working families in Scotland feeling about the balance between their work and their family lives? **The new Modern Families Index Scotland** is a snapshot of how 1,000 working families cope with the challenges of combining work and family life.

Parenting stress

A **new study** explores whether differences in the support provided to women explain the different experiences of parenting stress across socio-economic groups.

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