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Examples of current services provided for children and young people in Community Services

Community Services projects are based upon developing capacity in the community through provision of services. This involves supporting volunteers and community groups to deliver projects; the delivery of projects in partnership with parents; projects based on open access principles where the needs of the children are paramount.

Project Type	Target Age Range	Description	BCC Support
Parent & Toddler Group	0-3	Sessions aimed at providing play opportunities for children; supervising children is responsibility of the parents; workshops may be provided for the parents; parent committees are encouraged to run the groups	Community development support for parents through CDWs and CDAs.
Pre-school Playgroups	3-4 years	Service for specific number of children in their pre-school year. Focus is on children learning through play. Direct service provision. Provision made directly through playcentres or support for community run provision in community centres.	Play staff employed directly to run services in play centres. Support for committees through community development staff for community run services.
After schools (play)	4-12	Open access play services; services are provided by Community Services staff with support of parents and volunteers; support for community run provision in centres.	Play staff provide services in play centres. CDAs provide services in community centres. CDWs and CDAs support provision of services by community run groups.
Homework clubs	4-12	Specific focus on supporting children to undertake homework after school. This is undertaken though centres seeking funding to employ teachers; volunteers or by CDAs. Need to consider purpose of homework clubs and need for trained staff?	Community development support to seek funding.
Project or issue based (e.g. drama; arts & crafts)	4-16	Usually run for a set period with a focus on a specific issue, programme or project. Can be set up specifically for this reason or be run as part of an ongoing project (after school or youth group). Can be run by community services staff in partnership with volunteers or by community run projects within centres.	CDA or Play staff run with support of volunteers. CDW or CDA support for volunteers and community run projects (advice and resources).

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Social Education Work	12-16	Aimed at specific issues – for example, gender issues, relationships, drugs education	CDW or CDA with support from external agencies
Youth club (junior)	8-11	Open access service; services are provided by Community Services staff with support of parents and volunteers; support for community run provision in centres.	CDA run with support of volunteers. CDW or CDA support for volunteers and community run projects (advice and resources).
Youth club	12-16	Open access service; services are provided by Community Services staff with support of parents and volunteers; support for community run provision in centres.	CDA run with support of volunteers. CDW or CDA support for volunteers and community run projects (advice and resources).
Activity based (e.g. discos)	4-16	Focus on activity without developmental aspect.	CDA run with support of volunteers. CDW or CDA support for volunteers and community run projects (advice and resources).
Sports based	4-16	Physical activity will form part of the programme for children for most of the above.	Specific sports related activities would be the remit of qualified instructors and organised by Leisure.

Non – Belfast City Council Services

Childcare Projects

Childcare Projects such as crèche, daycare and after school childcare do not fall within a community development remit and are therefore not delivered by Community Services staff. These projects have closed access, have restricted numbers and are focused on parental needs to return to work or training.

Sure Start Programme

These are government funded programmes to support services for children under 5. While Community Services staff are not involved in delivering the Sure Start Programme, it is supported with Sure Start Projects based in 12 Community Centres.