



**Devon
Children
and Families
Partnership**

Early Help in Devon

Multi Agency support to help families thrive

Effective early help relies upon local organisations and agencies working together to:



- Identify children and families who would benefit from early help
- Undertake an assessment of the need for early help
- Provide targeted early help services which focuses on meeting the assessed needs of the family to achieve positive outcomes

***Working Together to Safeguard
Children 2018***

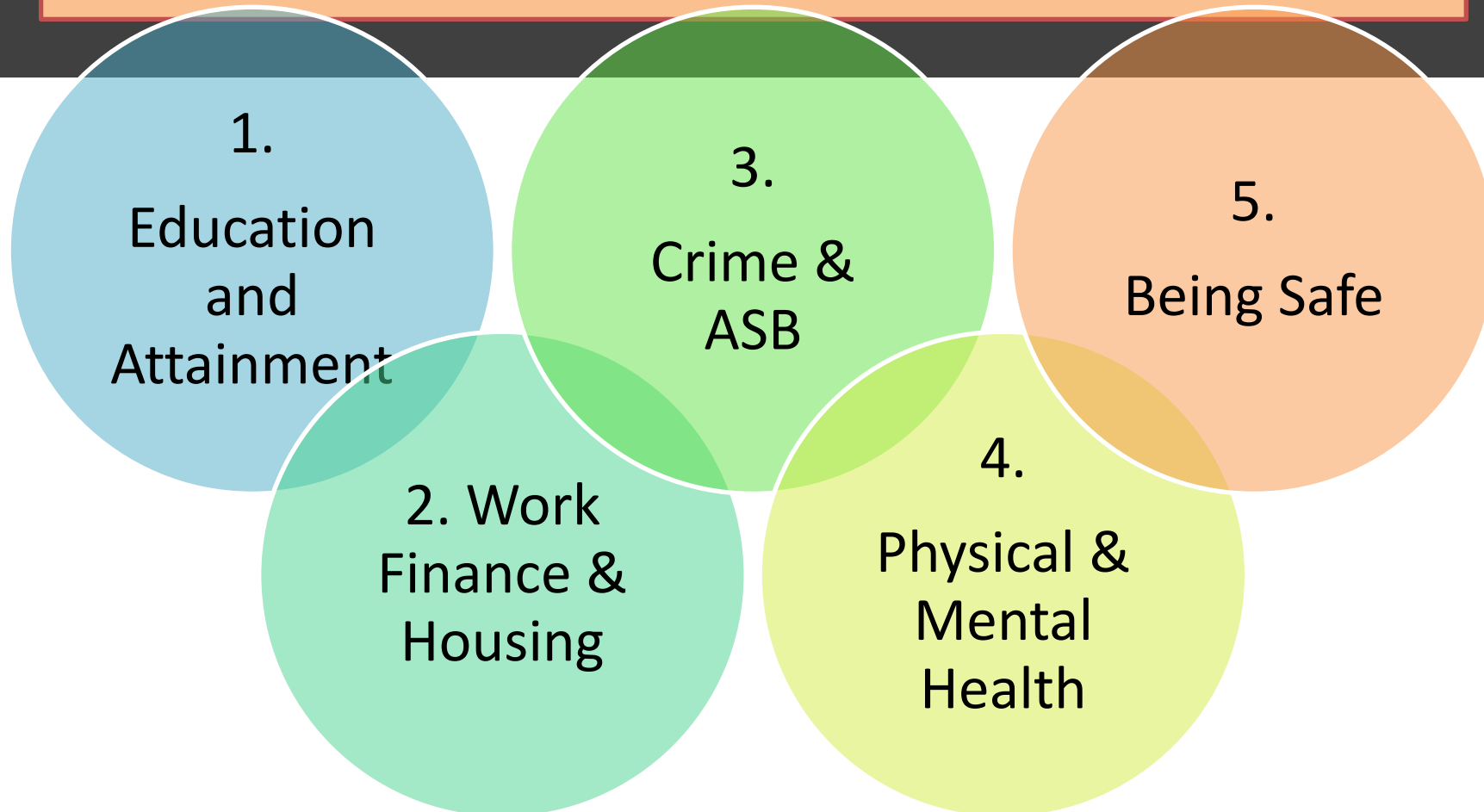
Devon's Early Help



- Is the initial response offered by all services in contact with children, young people and families when they need extra support to thrive.
- **It's not a specific service or team.** It's an approach to working that brings together people from a range of different services and teams who will work with the **whole family** to help improve things for everyone.
- Early Help is an integral part of everyone's role.

Whole Family Support

VULNERABLE CHILDREN



Working Together 2018

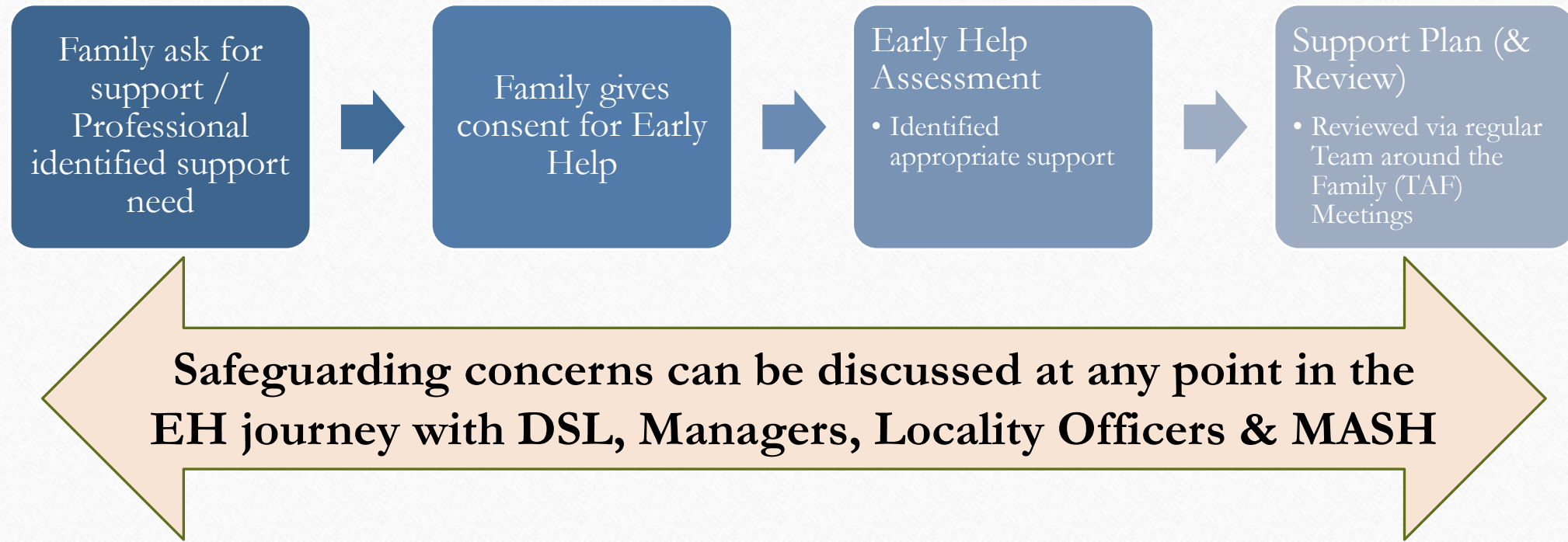
**‘No single practitioner can have a full
picture of a child’s needs and
circumstances’**

(Working Together 2018)

- This is not about you holding a family on your own.
- It's a multi-agency approach to coordinating the right support at the right time.
- Different superheroes will be needed throughout the family's journey.
- We all play a 'superhero' role in safeguarding/supporting children and families in Early Help.



Early Help Journey



Right for Children (RfC)

- Multi Agency Information Sharing System.
- Reduces the need for families to repeat their stories.
- Supports secure information sharing between agencies.
- Used by all professionals including MASH and Childrens Social care.



The Early Help For Families Assessment

- Is consent led and identifies **the purpose** for offering support.
- Actively involves the family in identifying their own strengths, concerns and explores what could go better.
- Restoratively explores different ways of working that supports a '**needs**' led approach.
- Encourages a multi agency response to supporting families.
- Helps the family create their plan, and agree with professionals priorities, clear outcomes, timeframes and who is responsible.





RfAS – Request for Additional Services

- RfAS are discussed by multi-agency partners at **daily** Early Help Triage meetings chaired by Locality Officers.
- Each family is discussed so that advice and support is given from the multi agency group
- Decisions are made on the appropriate service as well as signposting/information
- Please identify the **needs** on the RfAS-you don't have to know all the services
- Please talk to the parent about what **their** priority is and record that
- Please put the DOB of the adults on the RfAS



RfAS – Request for Additional Services

Multi agency group includes

- **Education Welfare (Babcock)**
- **Communication and Interaction Team (Babcock)**
- **Social Emotional Mental Health Team (Babcock)**
- **DWP Early Help Work Coach**
- **Adult Mental Health rep**
- **Together Drug and Alcohol Service**
- **DVA Early Help Connector**

Early Help targeted services include

- **Family Intervention Team (FIT) 9-17 years**
- **Youth Intervention Team (YIT)**
- **SPACE Youthwork Service**
- **Children's Centre Family Support 0-8 years**
- **Ysmart/ Yproject**
- **REACH**
- **Public Health Nursing-School Nurse**



Support we provide

- DVA recovery support for families
- Winter Hardship Fund. A one page form to request financial support for those impacted by Covid
- Supermarket Vouchers up to £90
- Requests for immediate financial hardship, supermarket vouchers via RfAS
- Case consultations (email your EH Locality)
- Practitioner Forums
- Email distribution of service updates & training
- Training in Early Help work and using the system to open family cases
- Snippets from Children and Family Health Devon re SEN support information
- Playschemes with food project is coming



Questions?

- Devon Children & Families partnership website:
www.dcfp.org.uk

*One minute guides, bite size
video training, resources*

- One stop email for all your RfC questions/queries.
rightforchildren@devon.gov.uk