

Get involved

Being part of the Family Council is a great opportunity to use your own experience of children's services to help shape services for other families in Southwark.

We are always looking for new members to join the Family Council or to help by giving their views on a range of children's services.

If you are interested in joining the Family Council or would like any further information, contact the Family Inclusion Coordinator on **07714 073 719** or southwark.familycouncil@southwark.gov.uk

Further information

To find out more about Family Council, please visit our website www.southwark.gov.uk/familycouncil or contact the Family Inclusion Coordinator on **07714 073 719** or southwark.familycouncil@southwark.gov.uk

Southwark Family Council

Working together to improve children's services



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What is the Family Council?

The Family Council brings together parents, carers and other family members to give their views on children's services and how to create positive change in Southwark.

The Family Council provides a way for families with experience of children's services to be involved in shaping services and better practice in Southwark.



What does the Family Council do?

The Family Council meets monthly to discuss how to improve children's services in Southwark, including:

- How to help families and professionals work together
- Identifying support that families need and how it could be best provided
- How to make services easier to access.

The Family Council creates ideas and suggestions for improving children's services for families in Southwark, such as improving the information available to families and holding workshops for parents, carers and family members to discuss their views on different aspects of the way professionals work with families.

The Family Council is also asked to give their views on any proposed changes in the way children's services work and how this is likely to affect families. These views can then be taken into consideration when putting new policies in place.

“I want parents to know their voices can be heard. Being part of the Family Council means I can use my voice. Change can only come if you speak up.”

Elsie Mumah, Family Council member

Who can join the Family Council?

Anyone who is a parent, carer or other family member with experience of involvement with children's services in Southwark can join the Family Council.

You could have experience of any of the following:

Youth Offending
Family Early Help
Child Protection
Care
Leaving Care
Special Guardianship
Foster Care
All Age Disabilities

We are looking for members who are able to:

- Attend regular meetings
- Share their views and ideas
- Work together to help promote change.

