

Booking Form



One Parent Families Scotland

Please book a place at the Home Based Childcare Conference

Name

Organisation

Address

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Workshop preferences
(indicate 1st and 2nd choice) **A** **B** **C** **D** **E**

Please note any special needs

Payment Details

Costs

- Single branch small voluntary sector organisation or Childcare Agency £45
- Large voluntary sector or childcare agency £85 ■ Statutory sector £100

A limited number of supported places are available for lone parent members of One Parent Families Scotland.

Delegates will receive a copy of the Sitter Service film on DVD and a copy of the new Home Based Childcare Directory for Scotland.

I enclose payment of £ or please invoice me (organisations only)

Cheques made payable to One Parent Families Scotland should be sent to:
Home Based Childcare Conference, One Parent Families Scotland,
13 Gayfield Square, Edinburgh EH1 3NX

Please complete a booking form for each additional delegate

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One Day Conference



HOME BASED CHILDCARE AND SITTER SERVICES

a unique Scottish initiative

22 September 2005 - Stirling Royal Infirmary, Stirling

Supported by  Scottish Executive

Sitter Services are a unique and successful Scottish childcare initiative . . .

Registered quality childcare is provided in the child's own home. This operates outwith the normal local provision, in some cases for extended hours and seven days a week.

They meet a wide range of needs including:

- Working and student parents requiring childcare at atypical hours and for mixed ages of children when no other services are available
- Respite breaks for families under stress or for care of one child while attending to the needs of others
- Care for parents or children with disabilities

This conference will explore the full range of circumstances when Sitter Services can be helpful, will examine the operational issues involved in running flexible services and will look at the unique Scottish registration system which has been developed to cover such services.

It will be of interest to agencies throughout the UK such as Childcare Partnership staff, social workers, human resource personnel in the public and private sector, and staff from Surestart and extended schools.

It comes at a particularly relevant time when more parents are working unsocial hours and the regulatory framework in England and Wales is again being reviewed.

The conference is organised by One Parent Families Scotland (OPFS), who have been operating registered home based childcare services in Scotland since March 1999. OPFS has developed a generic childcare @ home model taking into account specific local requirements, which is now operating in Dundee, Angus, Aberdeenshire, North Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire.



Programme

9.30-10.30am	Registration, coffee, exhibition
10.30am	Start, introduction from chair
10.45am	Premiere of a new short film: Open all Hours - Scottish solutions for registered home based child-care
11.00-11.15am	Sue Robertson, Director, One Parent Families Scotland
11.15-11.30am	Bryan Livingstone, Development Manager, Care Commission Children's Services
11.30-11.45am	Lesley Reid, Job Centre Plus Childcare Partnership Manager for Forth Valley
11.45am-12.15pm	Panel session
12.15-1.30pm	Lunch & Exhibition
1.30-2.30pm	Workshops:

Facilitated by:

<p>A Care Commission</p> <p><i>Regulation of Childcare Services</i></p> <p>The workshop will cover the key aspects of the role and function of the Care Commission with a focus on the Registration and Inspection, and give the opportunity for delegates to ask questions.</p>	<p>B One Parent Families Scotland</p> <p><i>How Flexible is Possible?</i></p> <p>The OPFS service model which includes flexible hours seven days a week, tailored to meet the needs of the family, and a sliding scale of charges.</p>	<p>C First Hand</p> <p><i>Prevention is Better than Cure - the role of the sitter service.</i></p> <p>First Hand will focus on their preventative work with children and families in Edinburgh and highlight the key aspects through their sitter service.</p>	<p>D Direct Childcare, Highland</p> <p><i>The Childcare Jigsaw - Merging Work Opportunities with Demand.</i></p> <p>Highland's innovative solution to balancing the development of childcare services and the retention of a skilled workforce.</p>	<p>E Stepping Stones for Families</p> <p><i>Innovative Solutions to Rural Childcare.</i></p> <p>Why and how home based childcare, as part of the childcare jigsaw, meets the needs of rural communities.</p>
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2.30-3.00pm	Coffee, networking, exhibition
3.00-3.15pm	Scottish Executive Minister
3.15-3.45pm	Questions
3.45-4.00pm	Summary and close by Chair