

REACH Local Offer for Care Experienced Young Parents



Welcome

Welcome to the City of Wolverhampton
Council's Local Offer for Care Experienced
Young Parents.

If you are a Care Leaver who is pregnant, preparing to become a parent, or already have a child or children, we will support you and your child, as the corporate grandparent.



SUPPORT YOU



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You will be supported with a baby pack for your first child, at least 8 weeks prior to the baby's due date. This will provide some basic equipment, tips and guidance around preparing for baby and beyond.



You have access to a Care Leaver stay and play group session weekly on Thursdays at the Oasis Hub between 10am-12pm. This provides a space where you can build your social network, meet other parents and get advice and guidance around parenting or support plans.

You have access to fun community trips via the stay and play group to help you learn and be comfortable in accessing community activities for your child/ren. This includes swim sessions, community workshops or activities, zoos and more.



You can access Art Play sessions which are held monthly at Wolverhampton Art Gallery via a free ticket code. Contact your YPA who will be able to sort this out for you.

You can have access to a Grand Mentor via the mentoring programme who is an experienced parent. This will provide you with a mentoring relationship, someone you can talk to who can support, and offer advice helping to increase your support network.





You will be supported to access support via your local family hub who offer parenting programmes, stay and play groups, activities, health support and more. You can check out the support available and where the hubs are across the city by [clicking here](#). As a Care Leaver you can secure a priority place on any programme by contacting your YPA.

You can access free parenting support via **togetherness**. This offers workshops, courses and resources around early pregnancy, labour, parenting and beyond. You can access these by entering the Wolverhampton Access Code: wolves1



Where there are challenges and you may require social services support via a pre-birth or parenting assessment, you will be made aware of the process and expectations of this through a joint visit from the senior social worker and your YPA.

You can access the baby bank in Wolverhampton via a referral from your YPA. They can assist with children's items such as cots/ Moses baskets/milk/nappies/wipes and more when struggling.



You will be supported to have access to partner agencies such as healthy start, book start to support your child's health and development.

You will have access to EET advice and childcare advice when you feel ready to return back to work or training via the stay and play group help on Thursdays 10am-12pm at the Oasis Hub.



In the event of childcare difficulties due to a planned, urgent, or required course for social care, childcare support can be explored or funding to support this. Please ask your YPA who can arrange a discussion with the senior social worker.

You will have access to the healthy child wolves app where you can access various advice, guidance and resources around parenting and understanding your child. You can download the app through the App Store or Google Play.

