

## Signposts for Support for Young Carers

Presenting issue	What you want to do?	The signpost
Child is not identified as a young carer	You think there might be caring going on and want someone to check	-Young Carers Support Worker – OCC Young Carers Team Julie Smith – 07774335649 (Didcot, Abingdon & Littlemore Hub area) <a href="mailto:Julie1.smith@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Julie1.smith@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a> -Young carers support worker – OCC Young Carers Team Sarah Miller – 07788 302194 (Banbury, Bicester, Witney & East Oxford Hub area) <a href="mailto:Sarah.miller@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Sarah.miller@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>
Child identified as young carer	You have concerns about the level of caring that the child is doing and want it checked out	-Young Carers Support Worker – OCC Young Carers Team Julie Smith – 07774335649 (Didcot, Abingdon & Littlemore Hub area) <a href="mailto:Julie1.smith@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Julie1.smith@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a> -Young carers support worker – OCC Young Carers Team Sarah Miller – 07788 302194 (Banbury, Bicester, Witney & East Oxford Hub area) <a href="mailto:Sarah.miller@oxfordshire.gov.uk">Sarah.miller@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>
	You think the child needs time out from caring role	Spurgeons Young Carers Service Oxfordshire - 01865 309602 <a href="mailto:adminoxfordshire@spurgeons.org">adminoxfordshire@spurgeons.org</a>
	You want to apply for the young carers support fund on behalf of the young carer	Young Carers Development Worker – OCC Young Carers Team Alix Michaelis 01865 328045 <a href="mailto:alix.michaelis@oxfordshire.gov.uk">alix.michaelis@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>
	Get support for young person as they are NEET	NEET response worker Sarah Mills – 07747 476810 <a href="mailto:smills@spurgeons.org">smills@spurgeons.org</a>
	Young person is 16 yrs + and requires an adult carers self-assessment	Social and Health Care Customer Services - 0845 050 7666  Please inform Alix if you supporting a young person applying for this <a href="mailto:alix.michaelis@oxfordshire.gov.uk">alix.michaelis@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>
	Young Adult is 18 yrs+ and needs adult carers services through Carers Oxfordshire	Social and Health Care Customer Services - 0845 050 7666  Please inform Alix if you supporting a young person applying for this <a href="mailto:alix.michaelis@oxfordshire.gov.uk">alix.michaelis@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>
Family support needed	You are concerned about the family and want to ensure that their needs are assessed and supported	Contact the Early intervention Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abingdon - The Net, Stratton Way, Abingdon, OX14 3RG, <a href="mailto:EIAbingdon@oxfordshire.gov.uk">EIAbingdon@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>, 0845 6029279 / 01865 328400</li> <li>• Banbury - Banbury Youth Centre, Hilton Road, Banbury, OX16 0EJ, <a href="mailto:EIBanbury@oxfordshire.gov.uk">EIBanbury@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>, 0845 6029288 / 01865 328440</li> <li>• Bicester - The Courtyard Youth Arts Centre, Launton Road, Bicester, OX26 6DJ, <a href="mailto:EIBicester@oxfordshire.gov.uk">EIBicester@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>, 0845 6029298 / 01865 328470</li> <li>• Didcot - The Vibe Youth Centre, Park Road, Didcot, OX11 8QX, <a href="mailto:EIDidcot@oxfordshire.gov.uk">EIDidcot@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>, 0845 6029299 / 01865 328480</li> <li>• East Oxford - Union Street Centre for Young People, Union Street, East Oxford, OX4 1JP, <a href="mailto:EIEastOxford@oxfordshire.gov.uk">EIEastOxford@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>, 0845 6029315 / 01865 328490</li> <li>• Littlemore - Oxford Academy Campus, Sandy Lane West, Littlemore, Oxford, OX4 6JY, <a href="mailto:EILittlemore@oxfordshire.gov.uk">EILittlemore@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>, 0845 6416424 / 01865 816202</li> <li>• Witney - Unit 8, Thorney Leys Business Park, Witney, OX28 4GE (interim postal address), <a href="mailto:EIWitney@oxfordshire.gov.uk">EIWitney@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>, 0845 6029284 / 01865 328730</li> </ul>

	<p>You have safeguarding concerns about a child or a family you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned that a child may be suffering physical, sexual or emotional abuse or is being neglected</li> </ul>	<p>please contact one of the following numbers:</p> <p>Banbury Assessment Team: <b>01865 816670</b></p> <p>Oxford Assessment Team: <b>01865 323048</b></p> <p>Abingdon Assessment Team: <b>01865 897983</b></p> <p>Emergency Duty Team (outside office hours): <b>0800 833 408</b></p>
Family illness identified	Parent or other family member is identified as having an illness or disability and requires adult social care services	Social and Health Care Customer Services - 0845 050 7666
Anything else relating to Young Carers...		<p>Deborah Parkhouse – OCC Young Carers Team          Young Carers Manager 07919 298263  <a href="mailto:deborah.parkhouse@oxfordshire.gov.uk">deborah.parkhouse@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a></p>



# Oxfordshire Young Carers

## A Guide to Support Services for Young Carers

Update – October 2011 to June 2012

There is quite a bit of support out there for young carers but it can be confusing as things have changed so much recently.

If in doubt you can always call either Deborah Parkhouse (Young Carers Manager) on **07919 298263**, or Julie Smith (Young Carers Support Worker) on **07774 335649** to talk about a young carer. Short pieces of work are available from the in-house service, and group activities and other support are available from Spurgeons or the EIS Hubs and Deborah or Julie can advise on each case.

If you think there are caring responsibilities and you would like to apply for some funding, contact Alix Michaelis (Young Carers Development Worker) on **07785 453295**. Each young carer is entitled to £200 per annum and this can be for items or activities that relieve the impact of the caring and improve the health and wellbeing of the young carer.

Typical things that the fund can be used for are: activities such as skating, football, swimming etc. Equipment to help with school or college. Things like bicycles are great as they are good for healthy outcomes, but also things for the home to help a young carer have a better space for themselves would also be fine.

Also don't forget that young carers aged 16+ are entitled to be assessed as carers by adult services and a self-assessment is all that is needed to access some considerable funds for young carers (eg. Leisure and learning - £350, Life of your own - £600).

The following chart should help you to find the right options for the young carer you are working with:

Please do contact us if you have any questions!

**The OCC Young Carers Team**