

## Help Shape the Future of Children's Centres in Kent

Kent County Council is currently reviewing the way in which our Children's Centres operate. We have put together a proposal for how Kent's Children's Centres can work sustainably in the future, and want to know what you think. A consultation on this proposal will be taking place between 4 July and 4 October 2013.

Our priorities are to continue to deliver universal frontline services across the County, to provide targeted provision to those children and their families who need it most, and to do this within the resources available. Significant savings of £1.5 million are needed because of a reduction in public funding.

The proposal we have put together sets out how the available money can be focused more on actual services for children and their families, and less on running buildings and other overhead costs. It does this while maintaining the overall accessibility of services and support for those with the most need.

We are consulting on one proposal which includes;

1. Reducing the number of Children's Centres
2. Linking Children's Centres to reduce management and administrative costs
3. Reducing hours at some Children's Centres

If you want to contribute to the consultation, which we hope you do, please go to [www.kent.gov.uk/childrenscentres](http://www.kent.gov.uk/childrenscentres), and read the document we have put together. There is also a survey where you can tell us what you think, which is really important in shaping the future of Children's Centres in Kent.

Please accept our apologies if, due to your membership of several groups and Boards, you have received multiple communications about the consultation.

If you have any questions please email us at [cc.consultation@kent.gov.uk](mailto:cc.consultation@kent.gov.uk), or phone 0300 3335540.

Many Thanks

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