

# Family Links National Conference Intervening Early Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011

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# A Universal model

**The Heineken beer approach to parenting**

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## **The Nurturing Programme**

reaches across society and  
into every family and school  
because the Universal  
approach meets

Family Strategy & Family  
Engagement principles

# A Universal Programme that paradoxically targets the vulnerable

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The Nurturing Programme is designed for both INTERVENTION and PREVENTION and is therefore valuable for all families.

Feedback from skilful FL trained Parent Group Leaders (PGLs) report on using the Nurturing Programme with:

## Parents of:

**0-2 year olds**

**Asian families**

**Foster Carers**

**autistic children**

**Lone parents**

**Adoptive parents**

**ADHD children**

**Dads**

**Parents & Teems**

**3-13 year olds**

**Teen parents**

**Children's Homes**

**14-17 year olds**

**Prisoners**

**Netmums on-line**

Excellent model for interagency work and 1:1 client work



# Slaying the Myth

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that Universal means:

*its only for the worried well,  
middle-class or*

*Tier 1 & 2 parents*

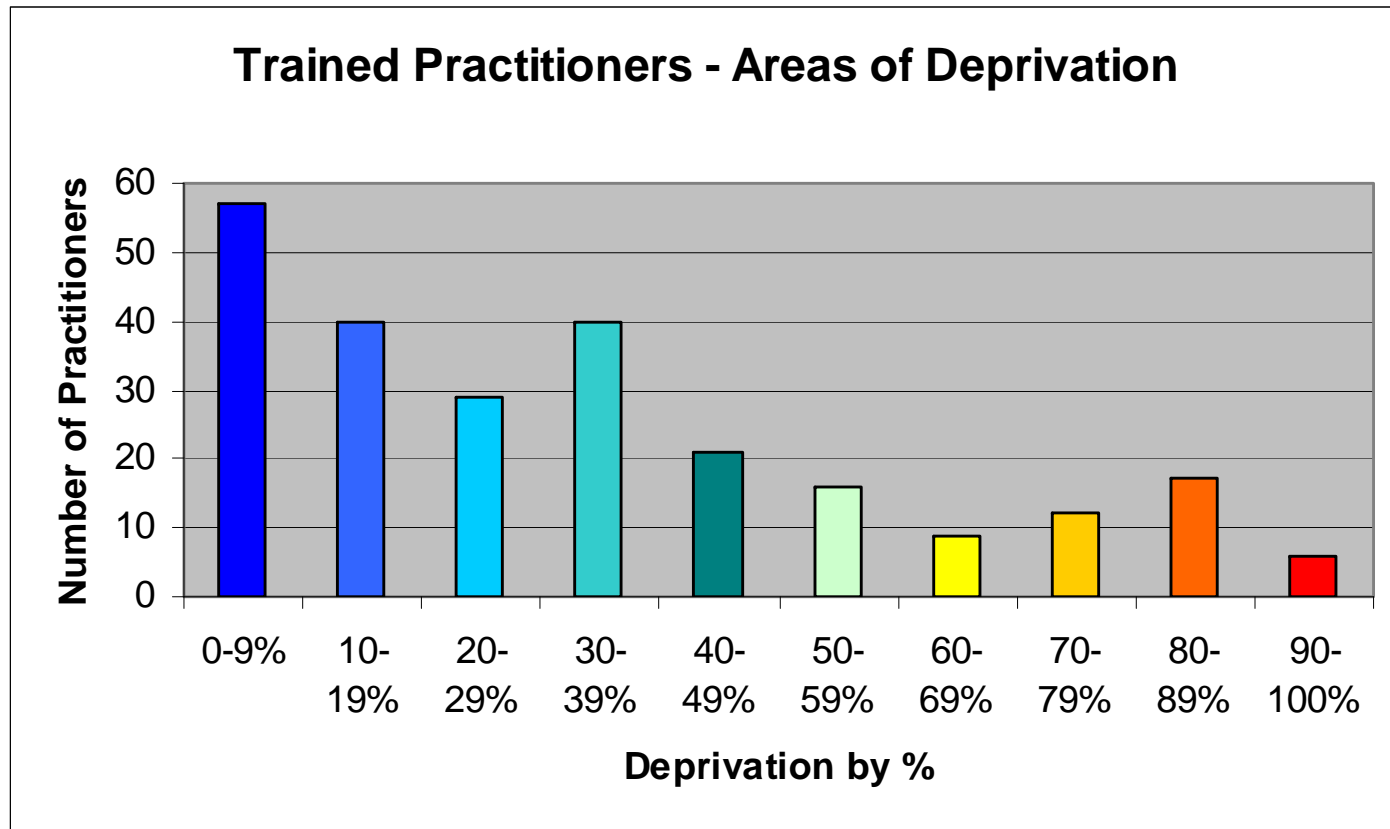
# Nurturing Programme foster parent feedback

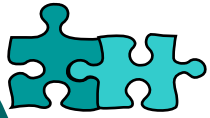
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*"A couple who have completed their OCN portfolios have attended a court hearing and are now in a position to receive their 4 children back home. The next stage was going to be adoption for the children, but the FLNP OCN results achieved by the parents was used as evidence and made a huge impact. ... many parents undertake various parenting programmes and they merely act as a temporary fix, but FL has made a lasting impact on their attitudes and behaviour and this was recognised by the professionals involved in their court hearing."*

*Barnardos Heartbeat PGL in Hartlepool  
working with parents with children in care*

# Universal provision in areas of geographical deprivation reduces sense of being judged, targeted failure





# Two critical pieces in the Jigsaw of the Universal approach

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## Practitioners need good quality training

The Nurturing Programme can only reach far and wide if the practitioners are skilful in the way they engage and work with parents:

Family Links training helps shift practitioners from a



Didactic, judgemental or 'fix-it' approach to a



Facilitative & Empowering work model



# The 2nd Jigsaw piece in Effective Family Strategy & Engagement with Parents

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## **The Quality of the Training Organisation** **Gold Standards that Policy Makers & Commissioners should consider**

- Cost-effectiveness
  - price of training
  - do practitioners actually run groups after training?
- Impact on practitioners one-to-one work
- UK support materials
- Top Up training and ongoing CPD
- Impact of training on the emotional & mental wellbeing of practitioners