



## **Manchester Common Assessment Framework**

Manchester Common Assessment Framework (MCAF) has now been re-launched and has its own webpage where you can find the new forms, more information on the MCAF and training dates. There are also other resources including links to where you can find sources of support.

The lives of children and young people in Manchester are improved through the offer of Early Help using MCAF. Everyone working with a family has a role to play in ensuring children and young people receive Early Help, with families feeling a part of the inclusive process. MCAF is a key part of delivering frontline services that focused around need. It is a common approach used to assess the needs of children and young people and decide how these should be met.

The new MCAF web page [www.manchester.gov.uk/mcaf](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/mcaf) has access to the new form and offers information about the MCAF procedures and practical tools for managers, key workers/practitioners and parents/young people. It also has case study examples plus links to the Family Information Service web site and the Voluntary Sector directory of services on the Manchester community central website.

MCAF is a four-step process whereby key workers can identify the needs of a child or young person early, assess those needs holistically, deliver coordinated services and review progress. PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER MCAFs.

For more information, log onto [www.manchester.gov.uk/mcaf](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/mcaf) or contact the MCAF Team on 0161 234 5969, [CAFIT@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:CAFIT@manchester.gov.uk), Fax 0161 274 7082.

### **MCAF Training**

Training is available on using the new forms, process and guidance. Please contact the MCAF team on 0161 234 5969 to book a place, or email: [cafit@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:cafit@manchester.gov.uk).

If you work with children, young people and families please utilise this resource. It is likely that MCAF will be mentioned more in children's board priorities at a local and city-wide level and also within tendering opportunities. If you have any problems in using the MCAF then please forward any issues to [nicola@macc.org.uk](mailto:nicola@macc.org.uk) so these can be fed back in to the MCAF board. If you are stuck on a MCAF then you can get in touch with your local children's partnership who can support you:

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