

## Home-Start Manchester North

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- Improving parent-child relationships
- Improving parent-parent relationships
- Improving routine and boundaries within the family environment
- Increasing engagement with training, volunteering and employment
- Increased parental involvement in play and learning
- Improved ability to manage money and debt related issues
- Improved home conditions, including appropriate housing
- Increased self-esteem and emotional well-being
- Improved access to appropriate support and services
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