



Corporate Parenting Strategy Review

What we know so far....



Gweithio dros Gaerdydd, gweithio gyda'n gilydd
Working for Cardiff, working together



The National Conversation

- Welsh Government – Corporate Parenting
- 3 working groups so far:
 - Task Groups
 - Wider Partners
 - Young People
- Push for Legislative Framework and Commissioning of Services
- Aim – to devise a charter of minimum expectations and role of Corporate Parents
- Timescale – completed Sept (ministers October)



Who we have spoken to...

- 11 Years old and over including care leavers—
2 groups
- CYP in residential care
- Foster Carers
- Kinship Carers



Stakeholder Meeting

- First Meeting 26th February
- 25 professionals from a range of organisations
- Positive discussions and focus
- Joint working – potential for wider approach to “the conversation”
- Provider representation – NYAS and Voices from Care



What's next?

- Next stages of the engagement currently being set up
 - CYP 5 – 11 years old
 - More Children – 11 years old and over
 - Children with Disabilities
 - Parents currently receiving contact
 - Parents currently receiving the reflect service
 - Care Leavers
 - Children in foster care (in house and external)



What we are asking...

- House of Good Things
- House of Worries
- House of Dreams



Who are we asking about:

- Cardiff Council and Social Services
- Education
- Housing
- Health
- Into Work Services
- Police
- Youth and Leisure Services
- Who else / what else?



What we have found so far....



All

- **Remove Stigma** – CYP and their families / parents
- Multi- Agency Working – **retelling their story**
- Increase Understanding
- Support up to 25 years regardless of education etc - Housing, education, health (transition)
- Complex needs, trauma and emotional needs training
- Calendar of Events for Children Looked After
- Emotional needs – **from the most basic level**
- Long term connections – **it is going to be okay!**



Key Themes – general

- Consistency of relationships – Social Worker / Contact / Health / Education
- **Not being listened to** – being heard, supported and respected
- Understand Emotional needs
- Involvement in decisions (Accommodation, Placement, Contact)
- Language (Contact)



Consider our language...

- **Changing the way we care (TACT, 2019)**

New dictionary of words developed by care experienced children

Care Experienced adult – not care leaver

Having trouble coping – not challenging behaviour

Parents/Family/Tummy Mummy – not Birth/Biological Parents

Family Time/making plans to see family – not contact

My family/foster mum/people who care about me – not Foster carers

Corporate parents???



Opportunities

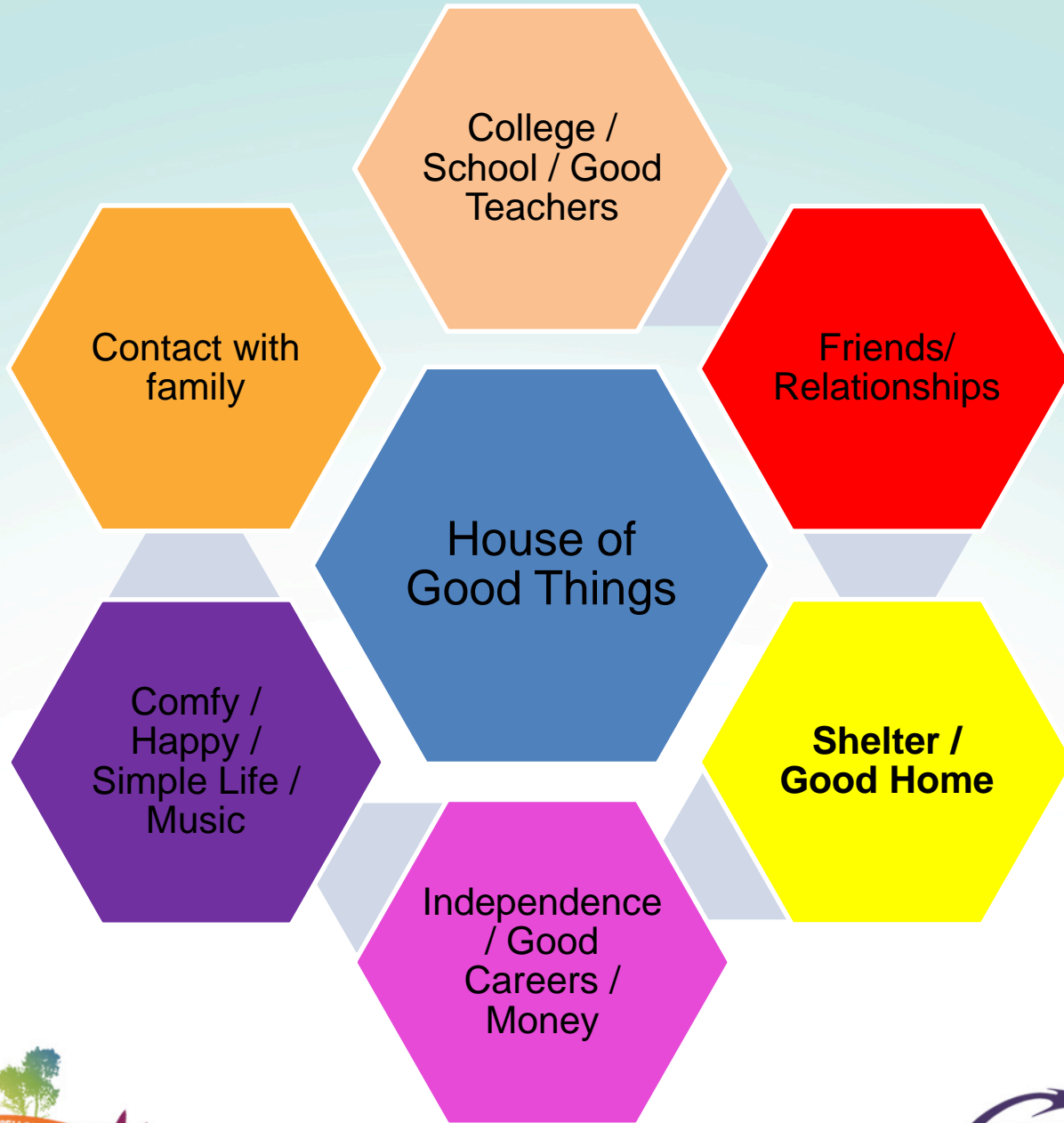
- Provide Opportunities
- College – **sense of having a future**
- Share good practice (specifically schools)
- Training on complex needs, trauma and the impact
- Remove Labels – provide normality
- Calendar of Events for CYP and Family



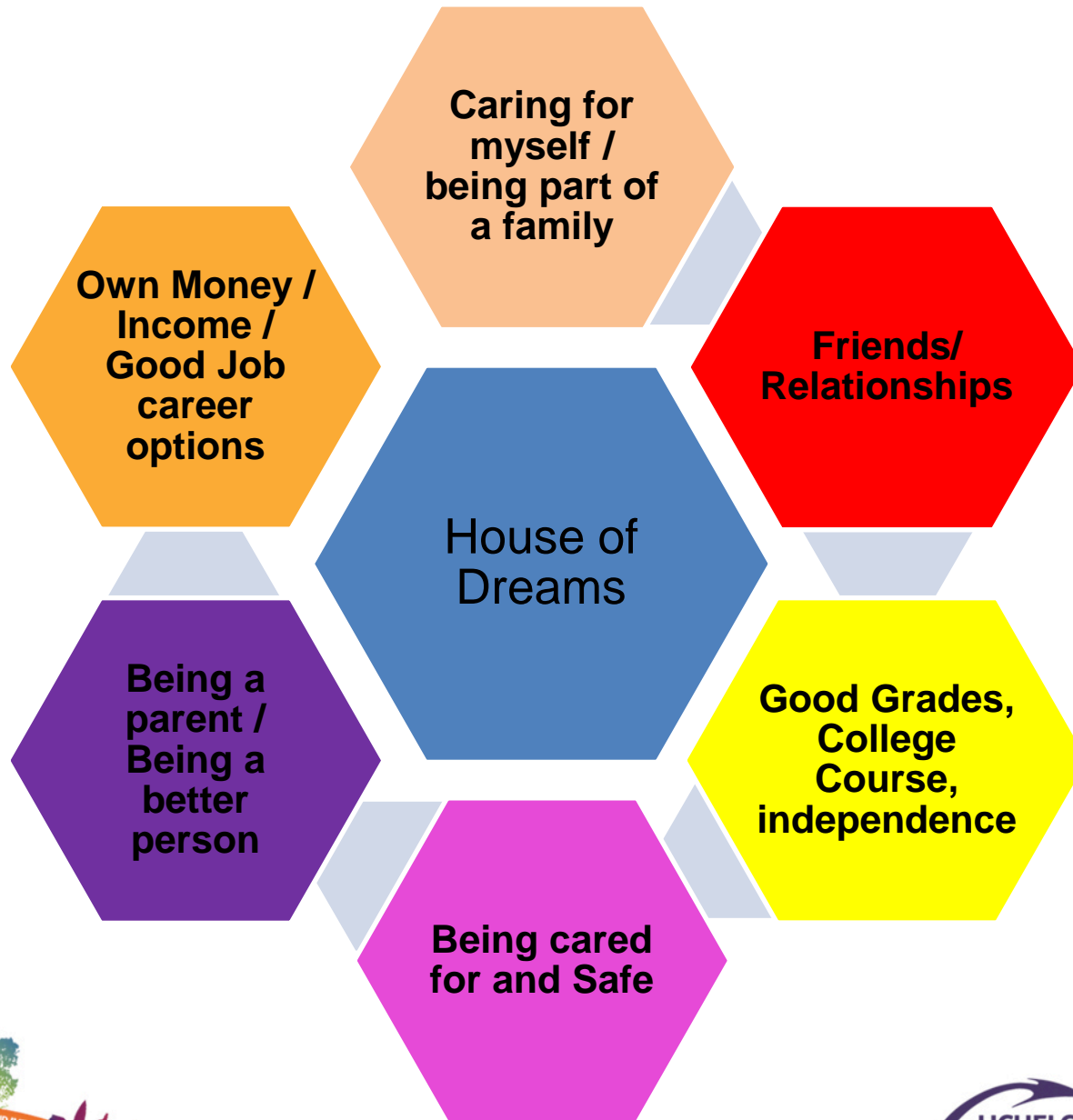
Emotional

- More focus on wellbeing, emotional needs
- Huge amount of emotions find it difficult to vocalise them – need more emotional support
- “people think our parents are bad people but there are reasons we are looked after”
- Wanting independence but a fear of managing – loosing the support









What else do we know?

Wales Centre for Public Policy – What do Children, Young People and their Families think about care:

- Placement Moves
- Stability of relationships
- Participation and communication



Foster Carers We Will Statements

- Never give up on a child or young person
- Provide a safe and stable home
- Always be there for the child or young person
- Always tell the truth
- Care and nurture
- Treat the child or young person as their own family



What will you do?

Corporate Parenting Together –
the system and family around the
Child!

