

## **Advisory Group Meeting**

**29<sup>th</sup> January**

### **October to December - Coordinators report**

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and managed to get some sort of a break.

The Autumn term is always busy, the team attend parents evenings in order to raise the profile of the service and meet with parents and carers face to face in order to inform parents and carers their rights roles and responsibilities appertaining to special educational needs. The Choice adviser takes this opportunity to attend all the year 5 parents' evenings to inform and advise parents and carers of the procedure for preferencing for high schools and the appeals process.

A request for involvement was received from

- Cluster Coordinators in each wedge requested involvement in mapping all SEN provision and support with a consultation questionnaire around access and availability of services a programme of events is available for parents and carers
- Sexual Relationships Education team requested involvement in order to consult with parents and carers of children who have a disability or special educational need re their involvement in their children's Sexual Relationships Education, the outcome is the development of a training package to be delivered during 2009
- Dyslexia Action has requested the support of the service to be involved in writing guidelines for parents and carers around support and whether a diagnoses is necessary the guidelines are being written by Education Leeds Special Educational Needs Support Team (SENST)

The service has had requests and facilitated training to parent mentors at Ralph Thoresby high school, New Sencos employed city wide, New Headteachers employed city wide, and Attendance Improvement Officers in the NE, N and East teams (other teams where trained in Sept)

The team attended the Buzz conference information event for Young people with SEN, Parenting week event run by People in action at Tech North an information drop in event for parents and carers, and the Big Steps event held at the Civic Hall an information event which celebrated the success of parents and carers who have completed the Steps course.

Caron Tribble assistant Choice Adviser joined the service on the 5<sup>th</sup> Jan; Caron has hit the ground running following up late applications for high schools

Stephanie Taylor- Oats is back from her secondment from early years and her maternity leave on a part time basis in the first instance and has resumed her role as Parent Partnership Officer for the North West and has also taken on the development role for the website [www.leedsparentpartnership.co.uk](http://www.leedsparentpartnership.co.uk).