

Welcome...

LIFE
CHANGING
OPPORTUNITY

Corporate Parenting Awareness Training

Denny Ford

Corporate Parenting Officer

Who Cares? Scotland

Alex Horne

Care Leaver/Assistant Trainer



Ashley Cameron

Young Person's Engagement Officer

Stirling Council

corporate
PARENTING

The Numbers

LIFE
CHANGING
OPPORTUNITY

3	Year Project
14	Health Boards
32	Local Authorities
1,220	Elected Members
16,171	Looked After Children

corporate
PARENTING

Councils and their Community Planning Partners will **fully understand and accept their responsibilities** as
Corporate Parents
(These Are Our Bairns, page 6)

So everyone is working together to make my life better?

Key Phrases



What is a Looked After Child?

Looked After Child or Young Person is a term given to describe children or young people if:

- The Child is subject to a supervision requirement under section 70 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.
- There is a permanence order under Part 2 of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 in respect of the child.
- The child is accommodated by the local authority under section 25 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.

Examples Of Looked After Children

LIFE
CHANGING
OPPORTUNITY

Kinship Care

Looked After
At Home

Foster Care

Residential
Child Care

Through Care

Secure
Accommodation

corporate
PARENTING

Key Phrases - Corporate parent



What is Corporate Parenting?

Government

Care Worker

Emergency Services

Social Worker

Teacher

Doctor

Housing

Elected Member

All Of Us

“the formal partnership needed between all local authority departments and services and associated agencies, which are responsible for working together to meet the needs of looked after children and young people”

corporate
PARENTING

Who Said This?



What is happening to our young people?

*They **disrespect** their elders, they **disobey** their parents. They **ignore** the law. They riot in the streets inflamed with **wild notions**. Their morals are **decaying**.*

What is to become of them?"

corporate
PARENTING

LIFE
CHANGING
OPPORTUNITY

Socrates

(469BC-399BC)*

* Attributed to Socrates by Plato

corporate
PARENTING

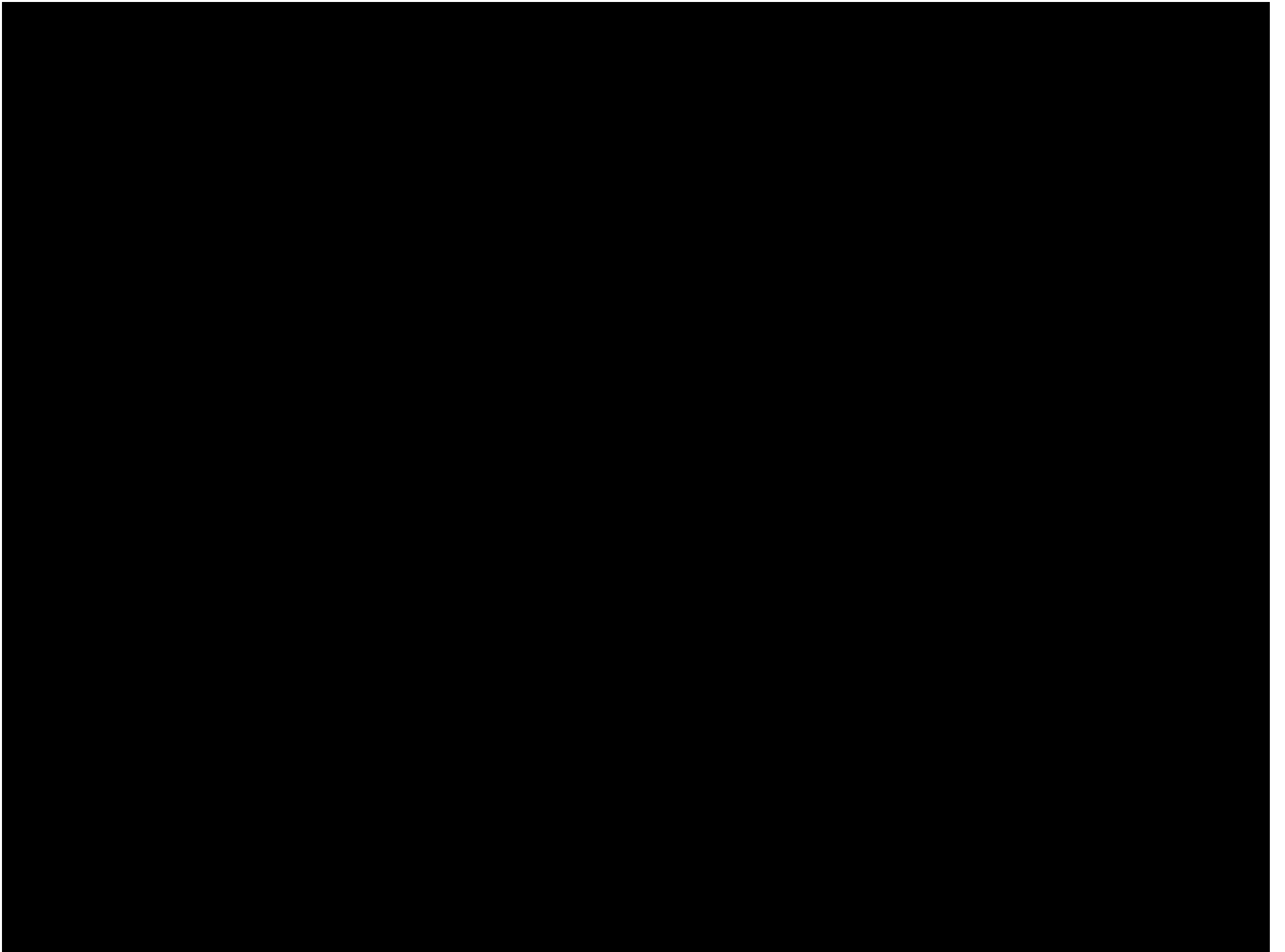
DVD:

Young People's
Experiences. A
National
Perspective



Is This What I
Would Want For
My Child?

corporate
PARENTING



DVD:

A National
Perspective- One
Big Family



1. What were your initial impressions of the film?
2. What were the key issues that emerged?
3. Are any of these issues happening nationally?

National: Facts and Figures

LIFE
CHANGING
OPPORTUNITY

12% of care leavers are reporting as homeless*

*This figure is seen as an underestimate as there is a larger group of Care leavers who lose touch with services and are not included in this figure

50% of Looked After Children will have a Mental Health issue*

•Compared to One in Ten of all 5-16 year olds

1% of care leavers go on to University

*Compared to 37% of all young people

More than **28%** of the adult prison Population were Looked After Children*

*Compared to 2% of the General Adult Population

44% of Looked After Children go onto a Positive Destination*

*Compared to 86% of All 16-19 year olds

*Taken from Public Audit Committee Report 2011

Exercise & Diet

“Inactive children are at risk of poorer self-esteem, higher anxiety and higher stress levels. They are also more likely to smoke and use alcohol and illegal drugs than active children are.”

Let's Make Scotland More Active Scottish Government 2003

Mental Health

Figures from the Office for National Statistics show half of looked after children in Scotland aged between 5 and 17 experience mental illness, while 16% recorded emotional disorders such as anxiety and depression and one in ten are classed as hyperactive

Sexual Health

LAC receive less contraceptive advice than their peers and have less access to information on sexual health (Scott & Hill, 2006; Williams et al., 2001)

Smoking

40% of looked after children aged 11-15 are smokers (Meltzer & Lader, 2005)

Higher in residential care (23%) compared with foster care (7%) (Meltzer & Lader, 2005)

Education

50% of LAC Children will leave school with few or no qualifications

0.5% of looked after at home young people attained 5 or more Standard grades in 2010 (fewer than one in 100)

*** Compared to 56% of non looked after**

59% of Care Leavers have an initial positive destination, this falls to 44% for the follow up destination

*** Compared to 87% for all 16-19 years olds, with a 1% drop at point of follow up destination**

33% of care leavers go onto Further Education

Anti Stigma Campaign

LIFE
CHANGING
OPPORTUNITY

WHY LOOK AT ME LIKE MY LIFE'S OVER COS I'M IN CARE?



A young person in care has as much to look forward to as any child. It's our false expectations that hold them back. Remove the stigma and you can help give a child in care a better future.

GIVE ME A CHANCE
Be fair to a child in care
www.givemeachancescotland.org




I'm good natured, don't bite, I just need a chance oh... and I'm the girl!

GIVE ME A CHANCE
Be fair to a child in care

Text FAIR21 £5 to 700 70 to donate now
www.givemeachancescotland.org

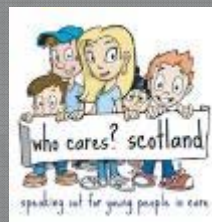



WHY WOULD YOU THINK I MUST BE BAD TO BE IN CARE?



Most young people are in care because of problems in the family home. It's our attitude that's bad. Remove the stigma and you can help a child in care make a better life.

GIVE ME A CHANCE
Be fair to a child in care
www.givemeachancescotland.org



GIVE ME A CHANCE

Be fair to a child in care



corporate
PARENTING

Fact or Fiction...



Fiction

...Young People only come into care because they have done something wrong.

corporate
PARENTING

Fact...

LIFE
CHANGING
OPPORTUNITY

- **Rejection** by the parent
- There's **no one** else able to provide care
- Substance **misuse** by the **parent**
- **Abuse**
- **Neglect**

*... Young people come into care
for **various** reasons*

corporate
PARENTING

Native American Saying

LIFE
CHANGING
OPPORTUNITY

*'walk a mile in another
person's moccasins
before you
criticize them'*



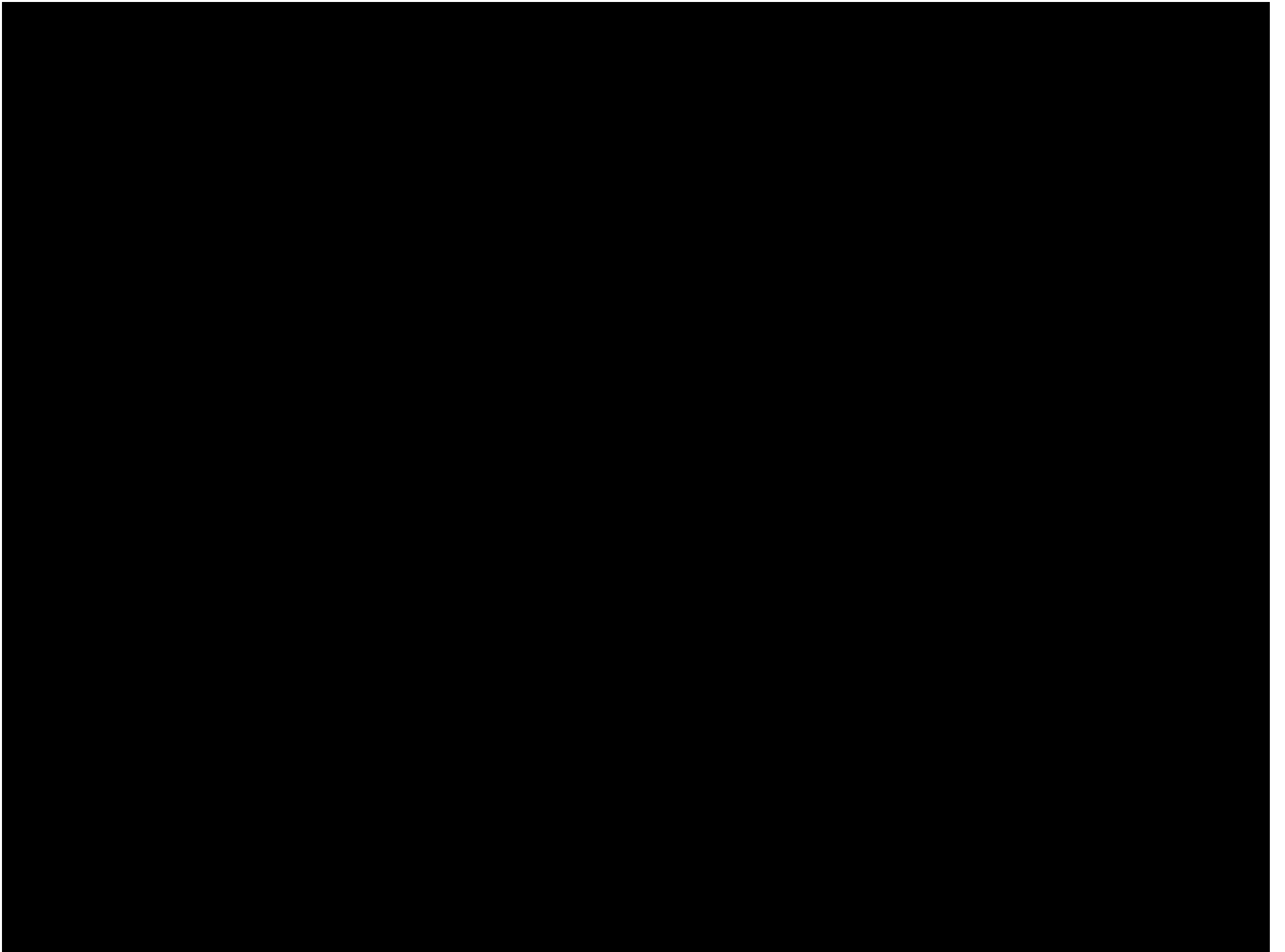
corporate
PARENTING

DVD: Anti Stigma
Clip



Give Me A Chance

corporate
PARENTING



What Is A Corporate Parent?



“the formal partnership needed between all local authority departments and services and associated agencies, which are responsible for working together to meet the needs of looked after children and young people”

(We Can And Must Do Better: Scottish Executive, January 2007)

corporate
PARENTING

Your Corporate Parental Responsibilities?



Make sure that your looked after children and young people are given the same **opportunities** that any good parents would provide for their child and that you have the same **expectations** and **aspirations** as you would have for your own children.

Make sure that the views of young people are **heard** and **listened** to, and when decisions are being made that their views are taken into account.

Promote a **positive** view of looked after children and young people and care leavers, and help **raise public awareness** about the care system

Your Corporate Parental Responsibilities?

LIFE
CHANGING
OPPORTUNITY

Be **certain** that the services your council provides or commissions for your looked after children and young people and care leavers are **meeting the needs** to the highest possible standard, including when the child is placed outwith your own services or **geographical area**.

Make sure that your housing allocation policy is sufficiently **flexible to meet the needs** of care leavers without resorting to the use of homelessness legislation

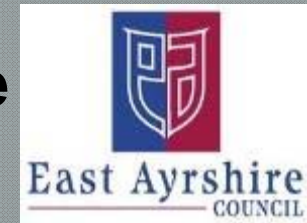
Know **how many** children and young people are Looked after by your local council, **why** they are looked after, that they are **safe** at all times and how **well** they are doing.

National Good Practice

Development of
Corporate
Parenting Board



East Ayrshire
Promise



Key to Work



Access to Leisure



Children's
Champion
Scheme

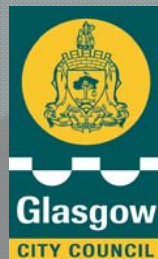
corporate
PARENTING

National Good Practice

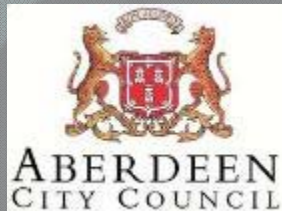
Care Leavers
Housing
Protocol



Private Sector
Family Firm
Developments



Anti Stigma
Pledge



Developments in
Family Firm

Meet The Bosses



corporate
PARENTING

DVD:

Stirling Council-
Corporate Parenting



Ashley Cameron
Young Person's Engagement Officer

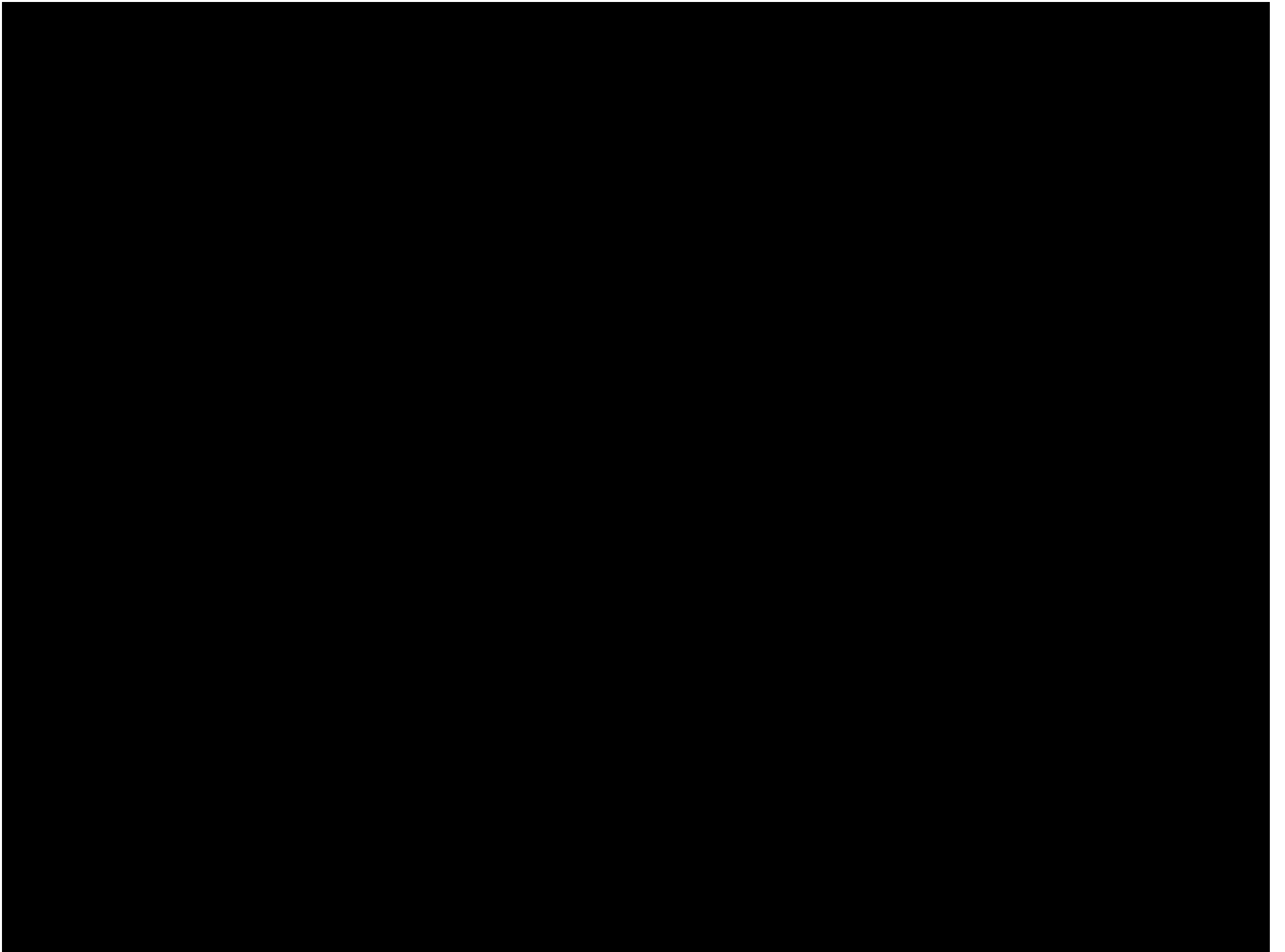
corporate
PARENTING

DVD: Stirling
Council



Corporate Parenting Training Film

corporate
PARENTING



Conclusion

Five Key
Messages

LIFE
CHANGING
OPPORTUNITY

- Your **additional** and **specific** statutory duty under the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 to safeguard and **promote the welfare** of the children in your care.
- Strong leadership** within the council within CHP, CPP and in the community
- Strong governance - have the right information, **driving improvement**, challenging service, focus on outcomes for the young people.
- Listen** to children and young people.
- Being able to say yes to the question '**Is This Good Enough For My Child?**'.

corporate
PARENTING

Website

www.corporateparenting.co.uk

The screenshot shows the homepage of the corporateparenting.co.uk website. The header features the logo 'corporate PARENTING LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITY' on the left, a vertical list of key aims (Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible, Included) in the center, and a featured article on the right titled 'Discover why children and young people feel Corporate Parenting matters to them.' with a photo of a young girl. Below the header is a main content area with a central article titled 'Ask yourself: "Is this good enough for my child?"' featuring a photo of a young boy. To the left of this article is a sidebar with navigation links under 'About Corporate Parenting' (What is Corporate Parenting?, Who can be a Corporate Parent?, Aims and Outcomes, Helpful Definitions, Links) and other sections (News, Activities & Events, Training Materials, Get in touch). To the right are two news boxes: 'Latest News' with the headline '4% increase in number of Children Looked After' and 'Upcoming Activities' with the headline 'Highland Council - Corporate Parenting Seminar'. The footer contains contact information for 'Who Cares? Scotland', including phone numbers, email, and address, along with logos for 'Who Cares? Scotland' and 'The Scottish Government'.

corporate PARENTING LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITY

Safe ▶
Healthy ▶
Achieving ▶
Nurtured ▶
Active ▶
Respected ▶
Responsible ▶
Included ▶

Discover why children and young people feel Corporate Parenting matters to them.

Click on each key aim to play their video or read their story.

About Corporate Parenting

- What is Corporate Parenting?
- Who can be a Corporate Parent?
- Aims and Outcomes
- Helpful Definitions
- Links

News

Activities & Events

Training Materials

Get in touch

Ask yourself:
"Is this good enough for my child?"

On the 4th October 2007 £2.5 million was announced by the Minister for Children and Early Years to support councils in developing structures and processes which structure their corporate parenting role. Since then councils have been developing their corporate parenting strategies and building their capacity to challenge and scrutinise. Work has been ongoing in exploring the role of the elected member, who are accountable for the outcomes of children who have been in their council's care, particularly in relation to scrutiny.

Corporate Parenting Awareness - Training-Life Changing Opportunity

The Scottish Government has funded Who Cares? Scotland to deliver training on corporate parenting in a new initiative. The programme aims to improve awareness of corporate parenting responsibilities of Scotland's elected members and health board members in all 32 local authorities and 14 health boards.

The programme will provide an understanding of the responsibility to promote the needs of looked after children and help drive forward national policies to support young people in care.

Latest News

4% increase in number of Children Looked After

Scotland's Chief Statistician has published Children Looked After Statistics 2009-10. These new statistics are obtained from the children looked after survey completed by all local authorities in Scotland. The main...

[Read more >](#)

Upcoming Activities

Highland Council - Corporate Parenting Seminar

August 11, 2011
Training Event for Elected...

[Read more >](#)

Accessibility
Terms & Conditions
Sitemap

Who Cares? Scotland
5 Oswald Street
Glasgow G1 4QR

tel: 0141 226 4441
fax: 0141 226 4445
email: enquiries@whocaresScotland.org

Who Cares? Scotland
is a registered charity
SC 026974

Thank You

LIFE
CHANGING
OPPORTUNITY

Corporate Parenting Training Session

Denny Ford 0141 2264 441

0770 2500 079



d.ford@whocaresScotland.org



www.corporateparenting.co.uk



Denny Ford Corporate Parenting Officer, Who Cares? Scotland .