

FAMILY ISSUES ORGANISATIONS

Note from Council on Social Responsibility

These references have been provided as an assistance for clergy, youth workers and church members should you require information or resources or help for those who may be experiencing relationship difficulties. The views expressed in the material listed are not necessarily those of the Methodist Church but we wish to provide a broad spectrum of literature and supports.

There are a number of organisations who provide excellent material which can either be purchased or downloaded from their websites. In some cases they also provide lists of other resources or links to other websites.

Care for the family - <http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk>

Care for the Family is a national charity which aims to promote strong family life and to help those hurting because of family breakdown through events, resources, training and networks of befrienders. Each church can register and appoint a 'Care for the Family' representative to receive emails and mailings. Likewise individuals can register to receive this information and to access a variety of articles posted on the site relating to family issues. There is a wide range of books available from the website on subjects such as marriage, parenting, living and money issues, as well as resources for use in small groups.

Love for Life - <http://www.loveforlife.org.uk>

The vision at Love for Life is to influence change within society so that young people have a healthy respect for themselves, relationships and sex. They run a combined youth and parent project called ENGAGE which is aimed at reducing risk taking behaviour in young people. Focusing on relationships and sexual health, the project will equip parents, carers and youth workers to identify risk factors around their young people and give them confidence to talk about sensitive issues.

PACER (Parent and Child Enriched Relationships) - <http://www.pacerparenting.com>

Pacer was founded by Val Mullally whose husband is a minister of the Methodist Church in Ireland, currently stationed in Dublin. Val has produced 4 CDs with photocopiable questions for discussion included on the insert: Meeting your Child's Deepest Emotional Needs; Dealing with Anger in the Home; Dealing with Discipline; Helping children cope in the real world.

Barnardo's Parenting Matters - <http://www.barnardos.org.uk/parentingmatters>

Barnardo's Parenting Matters has provided group-based parenting support regionally in Northern Ireland since 1993. It offers parents support in the form of parenting groups and courses in local communities across Northern Ireland. Since 1998, the project has also provided training and supervision for those working with parents.

Crosscare/Teen Counselling - Teen Counselling is a long established professional service for teenagers and their parents. It is staffed by social workers and psychologists and has the services also of a consultant psychiatrist. Teen Counselling does not charge for counselling. It has 5 centres in the Dublin area and referral is by phone:

- Drumcondra: Tel. 8371892
- Clondalkin: Tel: 6231398
- Tallaght: Tel: 4623083
- Finglas: Tel: 8646014
- Dun Laoghaire : Tel: 2844852
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Family Ministry - <http://www.familyministry.co.uk>

If you are involved in all-age services, fresh expressions of church that reach out to families or engage all ages together, run parenting courses or want resources for families to use together at home you will find information and resources here to inspire and equip you.