



**Our agreed core values for the delivery of children's services have remained consistent with all partners continuing to work together to ensure that:**

- The child/young person is at the centre of everything we do.
- We act in the best interests of the child or young person.
- Children and young people receive the help they need.
- Help is proportionate, timely and appropriate.
- The help provided improves the child or young person's situation and reduce risk.
- The best interests of the child/young person are at the centre of all planning and decisions that affect them.
- We listen to children and young people and let them know how their views are being taken forward,
- We support children, young people and families to live in a healthy, safe home environment, within a caring supportive community and free from prejudice, poverty, exclusion, fear of crime and discrimination.

**(Aberdeenshire's *Integrated Children's Service Plan 2015-2016*)**