

FAMILY JUSTICE YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOARD UPDATE



Cafcass Board Meeting

September 2021

FJYPB

1. Voice of the Child

Our Voice of the Child webinars are just around the corner and we are very much looking forward to professionals from across the Family Justice System joining our 2nd year of virtual webinars!

The theme for the webinars is **Communication** and its importance in relation to working with children and young people who have experience of family court proceedings.

If you would like to attend our Voice of the Child webinars, please click here: [Voice of the Child Webinars 2021 Registration, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#) to register your interest before 5pm on Friday 8th October.



2. 10 years of the FJYPB

We have recently held our 10th Anniversary celebration party in London! Current and retired members of the FJYPB joined our celebration, along with Jacky Tiotto, Sally Cheshire, and Sophie Humphries.

We also have been sharing some messages for the whole week starting the 27th September to celebrate 10 years. During this week, we shared some of our favourite memories of the FJYPB, messages from our stakeholders and what we would like to see from the FJYPB in the next decade.

3. Top Tips

We have recently developed two new Top Tips resources on our webpage, an FJYPB Shared Care Guide for Parents and Carers as well as Top Tips for supporting children and young people's mental health.

Our Top Tips have also been translated into the top 10 languages for families that Cafcass work with! All our Top Tips can be found on our webpage here: [Family Justice Young People's Board - Cafcass - Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service](#). We are also looking to make our Top Tips available in spoken and signed versions as well.

4. FJYPB Communications

We are very excited to announce that the business case for our very own FJYPB website has been approved! We have recently met to discuss some more ideas on what we could like the website to look like and are looking forward to working with our developers soon to start building. We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to the Cafcass communications team for all their help and support with this project and to Cafcass for sponsoring the website.

We have also finished creating our FJYPB Microsoft Teams site, so that members can have an improved means of communication with each other outside of our commissions. The site will be up and running following our next FJYP Board meeting on 16th October 2021.

FJYPB and Cafcass

1. Practice Week

We were really excited to be a part of the development of the new Together framework and it's launch during Cafcass Practice Week. We think the values are great and will lead to even better practice on developing relationships with children and young people, listening to them and working alongside them.

FJYPB members Flora and Ellie gave a presentation as part of the new framework during Cafcass Practice week which received great feedback. One attendee said:

"Brilliant session Flora and Ellie, thanks so much for that. Really clear about what we all need to think about and do to make sure we are getting it right for children."

2. Word Busting Team

The FJYPB and Cafcass Word Busting Team have been working together on language and have been very happy to see the impact of our work. We have been very pleased to see the use of 'child's plan' in place of 'case file' and the new name 'Child First' for Cafcass' filing system, which we also were asked to vote for and feedback on. Since July, we have busted the following words so far:

- Case
- Case file
- Caseload
- Sibling

Watch out for the next busted words to be released in October.

3. Cafcass Board Recruitment

FJYPB members Shanti, Shivani, Laura and Saffron have recently taken part in a series of interviews to recruit for 3 new Cafcass board members. The FJYPB are very happy to have been a part of the recruitment process for the new members and look forward to working alongside them in Cafcass Board meetings soon.

FJYPB and the wider sector

1. **Cafcass Cymru** - We recently met with Nigel Brown, CEO at Cafcass Cymru, to discuss our attendance at Advisory Committee Meetings, and other exciting future projects to work on together. We also joined a Development Day for Cafcass Cymru staff to give a presentation on who we are and some of our recent work.
2. **Children and Young People Now Awards** – We are very excited to be shortlisted once again for the Family Justice Award at Children and Young People Now Awards 2021! This will be our second year being considered for the award, following our submission last year when we were congratulated as a highly commended finalist.
3. **Social Work England** – Following a workshop in June on Continuing Professional Development, we have been in regular contact with Social Work England to discuss how we can work together to include the perspective of children and young people in their work. We look forward to hearing back soon on future opportunities for collaboration.
4. **Family Justice Board Review** – We met with representatives from the DfE recently to discuss what we think the priorities should be for Family Justice Board and how they can better involve

the FJYPB and the voice of the child in their meetings. We have presented our ideas at a recent FJRIG meeting and have regular contact with the DfE for updates on changes.

Forward Look

- **16th October 2021** – Next FJYPB meeting