

Learning Disability Development Fund Short Term Projects 2011-2012 Amaze Volunteer Transition Support Project final report March 2012



Overview of the Amaze Volunteer Transition Support project

- Amaze Transition Volunteers provide support and information to parents of young people with moderate learning disabilities who are leaving school in July
- Amaze received £17,663.00 from Learning Disability Development Fund for Transition Worker to develop a training programme for volunteers and to co-ordinate the project
- Amaze provides ongoing support, training, information and supervision to the volunteers

Making a Difference

- 17 Volunteers Trained, 11 are active and supporting 11 families
- 2 Volunteers left for personal reasons after committing to the project, which meant they weren't able to provide the support to the families they'd been matched with

Future of the project

- Amaze is committed to continue the project this year and is seeking funding for its long-term future
- The families will continue to get support from the Amaze volunteers who will go on to provide support for other families
- Amaze will organise further information sessions and training for the volunteers and the parents

Evaluation of the project

Mature student from Brighton University conducted phone interviews with the parents and volunteers on the project

- 10 out of the 11 parents said they thought the project should continue
- 7 parents came from 4 of the most deprived areas in the city
- 5 of the parents have a disability
- 6 of the parents are lone parents
- Parents said it's helped them and their child

Next Steps

- **Amaze appreciates the financial support from the Learning Disability Development Fund to try out this project.**
- **The full evaluation report is available contact sue@amzebrighton.org.uk if you would like her to send you a copy**

Any questions?