

# CHILDREN'S SERVICES Division

## Prevention & Support Services

**The vision** - To deliver modern, innovative inclusive and effective services, providing equal opportunities for all children and young people to reach their full potential whilst being healthy, happy and safe



### The service

The Prevention & Support service is led by Anthony Maynard. It provides placement for Looked after Children and a range of preventative services. It is developing its services over the coming year to include Education Welfare & Integrated Children's Centres.

### What we aim to do

- Improve social care for children & young people
- Promote fairness and social inclusion
- Deliver modern, innovative, effective and targeted services
- Provide equal opportunities for all children & young people to reach their full potential whilst being healthy, happy and safe

### How we did in 2007/08

- Extremely positive inspection of the Fostering Service by the Care & Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW)
- Reviewed Education Welfare Service and created a new structure
- Continued to progress the development of two further Integrated Children's Centres
- Excellent inspections of Children's Residential Respite Centres
- Finalist in Guardian newspaper and the Association of Public Service Excellence UK Wide Awards for Excellent Practice in Family Support

### Priorities for 2008/09

- Develop a strategy for further recruiting Foster Carers
- To continue to increase local placement options through the recruitment and retention of Foster Carers
- Improve levels of unauthorised absence in Schools
- Review and update information for service users
- Improve partnerships across a range of services to prevent duplication and improve efficiency