

## Information for Services

The Play Inclusion Project encourages play services in Lewisham to increase the opportunities for disabled children to access play and leisure provision. P.I.P. recognises that services need to feel supported in order to include disabled children and aim to facilitate this through a variety of ways:

### **Free Training**

We offer free training courses throughout the year on play and disabled children. We facilitate a range of courses suitable for anyone involved in play from volunteers and peer motivators to managers and play providers.

For full details of our current courses look on the website for flyers or contact Fiona Thompson, P.I.P. Development Officer via email at [fiona@cafamily.org.uk](mailto:fiona@cafamily.org.uk) or 020 7635 6333.

### **Support and Advice**

Contact a Family is renowned for offering excellent advice on all sorts of issues regarding disabled children. We have information on special needs including rare disorders, funding information, information on benefits and the DDA and much more. The P.I.P. project is a useful resource for services with queries about any aspect of disabilities.

### **Play Inclusion Network**

This network operates quarterly in the form of an information and workshop day. The day is a chance to get information from local disability groups, share good practice and experience with other providers and to link with other play settings in Lewisham. To find out more details contact Fiona Thompson, P.I.P. Development Officer via email at [fiona@cafamily.org.uk](mailto:fiona@cafamily.org.uk) or 020 7635 6333.

### **Small Grants Scheme**

We operate a small grants scheme for any play provider interested in creating or expanding an inclusive play setting. For more information about obtaining funding and for an application pack contact Fiona Thompson, P.I.P. Development Officer via email at [fiona@cafamily.org.uk](mailto:fiona@cafamily.org.uk) or 020 7635 6333.

### **Free Advertising**

We have a newsletter full of activities and ideas for children with or without disabilities that regularly goes out to over 150 families. We would love to let families know about services that are welcoming to children with disabilities and are happy to feature them in our newsletter. We also hold a database of information about services so that we can match children to an activity. To find out more about the P.I.P. Newsletter or the database contact Aly Trenholme, P.I.P. Family Outreach Worker via email at [aly@cafamily.org.uk](mailto:aly@cafamily.org.uk) or 020 7635 6333.

