

Missing from Home Programme  
Manchester, Salford and Oldham



# Parenting support

For parents and carers of children  
who go missing from home



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## How can we help?

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person who has gone missing from home?

Do you need some support? The Missing from Home team understands the issues you face and can offer practical support and guidance. We work across Manchester, Salford and Oldham.

Our aim is to help you to develop the strength and ability to manage the situation.



## What do we offer?

### One to one support

Our worker offers non-judgemental support and a listening ear to advise you on issues such as:

- Empowering you to feel more confident and have a positive influence in your child's life
- Co-ordinating assistance from other professionals and improving your support networks
- Achieving calmer relationships with your child
- Improving communication with your child
- Understanding the responsibilities of a parent/carer in procedures for reporting children missing
- Support to explore new methods and strategies to achieve a positive behaviour change in your child and help in establishing realistic targets for change
- Opportunities to meet other parents who have experienced children going missing
- Stress management techniques and strategies to support well-being

The support is offered on a one to one basis at your home or a place that is requested by you.

We use successful programme activities that will be tailored to your family's specific needs. Our fully trained worker is approachable and empathetic with 20 years experience in supporting families and working with other professionals to meet the needs of you and your family.

You will have the opportunity to attend support sessions where you can meet other parents experiencing similar difficulties with their children. We can also invite specialist services to give issue-based advice and information.

## Resources

We have a library of books and DVDs on common parenting problems that you can borrow.

## Parenting courses

We can help you to access parenting courses at a time and venue that suits your needs. Courses look at a lot of different issues that may impact on parenting and ways of learning to deal with them. You may bring a grandparent or friend along to support you or attend alone if you prefer. This gives you the opportunity to meet other parents and share experiences and ideas.

## Access to other agencies

As part of our support we can help you find other organisations that could benefit you and your child including:

- Connexions
- Youth service
- School/education
- Health, drug and alcohol services
- Mental health services
- Domestic violence support
- Local voluntary groups



# About us

**The Children's Society** wants to create a society where children and young people are valued, respected and happy. We are committed to helping vulnerable and disadvantage young people, including children in care and young runaways. We give a voice to disabled children, help young refugees to rebuild their lives and provide relief for young carers. Through our campaigns and research, we seek to influence policy and perceptions so that young people have a better chance in life.

Children are at the heart of all we do. That's why we want to build a better childhood – for every child.



## Contact us

You can contact us direct or if you prefer, someone else such as a GP, teacher or social worker may contact us on your behalf.

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