



### **Embrace - Supporting Young Parents**

Embrace - Supporting Young Parents was set up in April 2001 and became a registered charity in October 2004. We are based in Norwich and have recently secured funding to provide a service in King's Lynn.

The organisation receives referrals from a wide range of services, including Health Visitors, Midwives, Housing, Social Services, Connexions and self-referrals.

### **How does Embrace support young parents?**

The overall aim of Embrace is to reduce the social exclusion of teenage parents and their children. We provide 1:1 support to teenage parents aged 19 or under; working with young parents in their own homes and to an agenda set by the client. Our support is varied as it aims to meet individual needs. We can be flexible in the support we offer, acting as an advocate, helping the young parent formulate an action plan, setting goals for the future and accessing other agencies. It may also involve crisis support, for example issues surrounding child protection, domestic violence or debt.

Embrace is not a statutory agency, and importantly the young parents have a choice about whether they use the service or not.

### **Who are our clients?**

The young parents who receive support from Embrace have no typical background. However common features can include estrangement from their family, limited or no contact with their partner, or teenage parents for whom debt, unemployment or housing issues are a problem. Although the main focus of Embrace is upon the needs of the young parent, the results of a more stable life will ultimately benefit the child.

### **How is the Organisation managed?**

Embrace has a clear management structure. The day-to-day management of the project is provided by the Project Manager.

The Management Board has responsibility for managing the project in order to ensure it meets its objectives, monitoring performance, employment of staff and financial responsibility of the project. The Management Group consists of four Directors, additional members and consultants. Our members and directors have a diverse range of experience, skills and expertise, which they bring to the project, ensuring a well-balanced and professional approach.