

Family Focus

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Family Focus is a new partnership-based initiative developed to offer intensive and tailored support and activities to increase children's development, encourage strong family bonds, reduce isolation and help children reach their full potential.

Key messages

- Family resilience built through Habilitation support.
- 94% expressed improved confidence.
- Siblings included to support early years intervention is key to supporting development of VI children – through assessment and play based development.
- Partnership working with Sense, Angel Eyes led by Guide Dogs Habilitation Service in NI.
- Big Lottery investment aids way forward for Early Years at most critical time for parents of VI children.
- A 'Time to Play' group approach supports parent to parent awareness and reduces social isolation.

What next?

There is funding for the next two years to continue the delivery of the programme. Longer term, the partnership is seeking to sustain the service with governmental support.

Find out more

- Raise awareness, spread the word and connect with us!
- Call our Northern Ireland team on **0345 143 0193** or email **belfast@guidedogs.org.uk** if you would like to find out more about how we can help your family and how to attend a 'Time to Play' group.
- Share the report with people who may benefit from the service/have the influence to sustain programmes like this.