**South Somerset Behaviour Partnership**



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| We are an ESF funded NEET reduction project funded to work with young people, aged 15-18, who are at risk of being NEET or are not in education, employment, or training.    We work with young people identified through Transition Panels and Talent Academies in Year 11. We then offer transition support from Year 11 into Year 12 placement.  Additionally, we work with young people who have not made a transition from Year 12 into year 13.    Young people are supported by the SomersetWorks Team, through 9 SomersetWorks Hubs situated across the county, to re-engage with colleges, enrol on online courses and to attend Princes Trust and DoE style taster courses. Alongside this we can provide English and Maths exams and tutoring and IT support where required.  We work with a range of partners to find alternative post 16 options for young people if the first choice is not successful.  A Summer Programme is also currently being developed with the aim of supporting all Year 11 young people to make a successful transition into education, training or employment in September 2021 through a range of holiday activities. This will look to follow on from support that will be available across the summer term. |
| To make a referral to SomersetWorks, click here:  <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BvYktXr3okqNov5wNDsMzjgldT4Q-QVMk3UFuAOet0FUMEczWDZVV0UzODVNMU02WTBWTFBJVFRKRi4u> |
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**Frequently Asked Questions**

We are an independent service, not connected to colleges, training providers or employers who give independent advice and guidance with the aim of enabling and supporting young to maintain or access a place in education employment or training.

All if the below are subject to change and adaption due to updated

Corona Virus restrictions and guidance.

1. How do I refer someone is it online?

* Yes, you can complete the form online it only takes a few =minutes and we will then be in touch with the young person. We may need to contact you for more information.

1. What will happen next after a referral?

* A member if the SomersetWorks team will be in touch within a week to start the process

1. I don’t have access to a computer so how else can I refer my son/daughter?

* Staff can assist potential referrers with completion of the process if required

1. Does the young person have to give consent for a referral?

* A referral can come from a range of people however consent to proceed will be needed from the young person and this will happen when the service is explained in an initial contact

1. What is enrolment and what is someone signing up to?

* It is where we find out about the young person, what they like and what employment or career they are interested in. It is a form but don’t worry it is about making sure we know the young person and can give the correct support

1. What will someone be able to apply for or access? Is it just college or can it be about getting a job?

* We are there to support someone to remain in college or apply or access a course. We are not a part of the college and so will give impartial advice this can include information and guidance to help them in to work or training as well as college course.

1. Will I keep my benefits if my son/daughter works with you?

* We are a county based careers support organisation and If you enrol with SomersetWorks you will be able to apply to the DWP for a 20 week extension to Child Benefit payments from the date you start working with us.

1. How does it work? Will someone come and see me or phone me or is it done on the computer?

* It will be what works for an individual. We will initially be in touch by phone or email and we will discuss with the young person what we do and how we can support and then arrange appropriate meetings which could be face to face subsequent to this.

1. There are real problems in Somerset with transport across the county, if I cannot get my son/daughter/young person to college or training is there help available?

* We are looking at what support can be given to allow access to education and training and will update on this as soon a possible. We would discuss with the young person and family the options that are available and provide support where possible. Currently many of our partners are working online

1. European Social Fund! I thought we had left Europe.

* This is part of the money that we have paid into the European Union and we can still access through the project through the Department of Work and Pensions and Somerset County Council.