

## What can I do at Families Forward?



We have all sorts of games and activities that you can use. It doesn't matter how old you are, we have something for everyone!

We can arrange visits to local parks, play areas and shops.



At all our centres you will have your own worker who you can talk to about anything that you are happy or unhappy about

Both our Bradford and Wakefield Centres are based in a children's nursery on the outskirts of Town, but we have lots of things you can do, even if you are older. They are only open on Saturdays



We do listen to you, so if there is something else you think we should have to do, please tell us



Both centres have outside play areas with lots of things to do



We are open in Leeds during the week and on Saturday. We have our own centre with lots of rooms, including a dining room where you can have a meal, that can be used by children and young people of all ages.

If you do not see anything you like to play with, please let us know. You can also bring your own things to do



## What other ways can Families Forward help?

If you want a meeting with your worker without either the parent with whom you live, or the parent who you come to the Centre to see, being there, we can arrange this. Just ask your worker, who will speak to your parents about setting it up.

The FJYPB members represent the voice of children and young people, from the age of 7 upwards, who are currently in Court proceedings. They say:

**“If you don’t ask us, how else are you going to know that your service for children and young people, is effective for children and young people”**

Families Forward listen to what the Family Justice Young People’s Board tell us about what it is like to go through the Court process as a young person. All our staff are expected to listen to your views and relay these to your parents, however difficult this might be. The FJYPB ‘Top Tips’ are on display in all our centres. If you feel that staff are not working within them, please tell us. We need to know so we can do something about it.

If you are unsure of any words that are used either at Families Forward or in Court, you can ask your worker, or alternatively look at the FJYPB website on

<https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/about-cafcass/how-we-are-organised/family-justice-young-peoples-board/glossary.aspx>

You will also be asked at the end of the session how you feel. Please be honest, as it will help us work out a way forward for you.

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**Families Forward Helping You ...**



**What is Families Forward?**

- Families Forward is a safe place for you to meet your mum or dad, or another relative, especially if you have not seen them for a while, and you feel unsure about what will happen.
- Our workers are here to make things easier for you and they are always around if you want to have a chat
- You can tell them if you feel unhappy (or happy, this is always good for us to know!), and they will try and help