

## **Supporting young parents into EET**

A local strategy to support teenage parents has saved the taxpayer £5 for every £1 spent and seen 50% of young parents involved move back to education, employment or training.

These were the key findings of a 'social return on investment' evaluation undertaken by CFE (The Centre for Excellence).

The Young Parents Education, Employment and Training (EET) strategy in Leicester and Leicestershire is working to increase the number of teenage parents in EET by helping to overcome the challenges they may face by providing flexible learning programmes, on-site childcare, free travel and one-to-one support to improve confidence.

National figures published in Dec 2010 rank Leicestershire County and Leicester City in 5th and 6th place nationally for numbers of 16 to 19 year old mothers participating in EET.

In Leicester and Leicestershire over 45% of 16 to 19 year old mothers were participating in EET; this is 13 percentage points above the East Midlands average of 32%.

Work to support young parents into EET continues and there is a city/county Providers Network that meets bi-monthly to look at developing our learning offer.

For more information on our work to support young parents, contact the Teenage Pregnancy Partnership: [www.letstalktp.org.uk/tp-contact-us](http://www.letstalktp.org.uk/tp-contact-us)

For information about learning opportunities for young parents, go to: [www.parentsunder20.co.uk](http://www.parentsunder20.co.uk)