

Expert help in mental health issue hot spot

PARENTS have been trained by experts to work as counsellors in a borough with a high rate of childhood mental health problems.

The South London and Maudsley NHS trust (SLaM) launched the project, which will see parents helping other mums and dads to cope with the struggles they face raising their children.

The project, launched on Friday, is being run in Southwark because the borough suffers twice the national rate of childhood mental health problems.

SLaM hopes the project may also help tackle antisocial behaviour and help bring people together.

Nichola Williams, a Camberwell mum-of-five who became a parent facilitator after taking SLaM's course, said: "I've always had a lot of comments about my parenting skills because there are so many of us."

"It's easy if you're a stay-at-home parent to think your skills are small, or unimportant."

"But by bringing the skills you've

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learnt back into the community you can make a real difference."

SLaM has so far trained 24 parents to run 10-day parenting courses for their peers, and is lobbying for the scheme to be taken up nationally.

The parents are recruited by SLaM staff from children's centres and primary schools.

The experts teach the parents how to deal with issues such as defiance, naughtiness and destructive behaviour.

Dr Crispin Day, SLaM's parent and child support centre head, said: "It's a fantastic way of helping parents to help themselves with the trials and joys of bringing up kids."

Mrs Williams lobbied Lord Freud, minister for the Department for Work and Pensions, on Friday at the House of Lords to try to get more Government backing for the scheme.

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MODEL PARENT: Nichola Williams with her children, from left, Michaela, two, Nathanael, five, Aaron, four, Joshua, eight, and Lenise, 11

Win tickets to go to Hot Tap theatre's first show

NEW CROSS: The new Hot Tap theatre in Goodwood Road, New Cross, is putting on its first production.

The theatre was set up by Dean Stalham with help from art charity Artist Studio Company. A play called *God Don't Live On A Council Estate*, written by Mr Stalham and starring Dudley Sutton, will run from today until Saturday, July 31. Tickets cost £10 or £5 for concessions. Call 020 7274 7474 to book.

There are five pairs of free tickets up for grabs for the first five *South London Press* readers who call Mr Stalham on 07788 907 495.

Performing arts evening

BELLINGHAM: Sedgell Hill School in Sedgell Hill Road will be hosting a performing arts evening on Thursday at 7pm.

It will feature an exhibition of pupils' artwork and end with a show by the school's performing arts students.

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