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| **Ask The Family! Family Perspectives on Whole Family Approaches and Family Inclusive Practice**Invitation to report launch and virtual exhibition tour**Thursday 10 June, 9.30-11am [UK time] via Zoom**Earlier this year, Scottish Families was commissioned by the Scottish Government to lead a family engagement project to test out new national draft Principles on a Whole Family Approach and Family Inclusive Practice, in partnership with Action for Children, All in the Family and Circle.This family engagement project **aimed to reach children, young people and adults affected by alcohol and drugs and engaging with family support**. This included family members engaging with support due to other’s substance use, and those supported due to their own current or previous substance use.We wanted to test out the new draft Principles in two directions – how far the Principles as written were supported by families (Top Down) and how far families’ own descriptions of family support cross-check and align with the draft Principles (Bottom Up).We encouraged partners to use creative and family-friendly engagement activities to ask these questions, and to present the findings. We collectively carried out a national survey, hosted a conversation café and produced poems, stories, films, animation, letters, a handbook, and graphics.Families shared stark and powerful messages about the challenges in reaching family support when they need it, and the life-changing impact of high quality, relationship-based practice and connecting with others. They clearly communicated what matters to them, and how good support looks and feels.In our report we make clear recommendations about the need for strategic, sustained and evidence-based investment in family support and family inclusive practice across Scotland.Please come along to our Ask the Family launch event to hear about our findings, to join a guided tour around our virtual exhibition, and to discuss our next steps.This event will be held on Zoom and the link will be circulated prior to the event.  |

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