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Unblocking the Blocks
Why Community Budgets?

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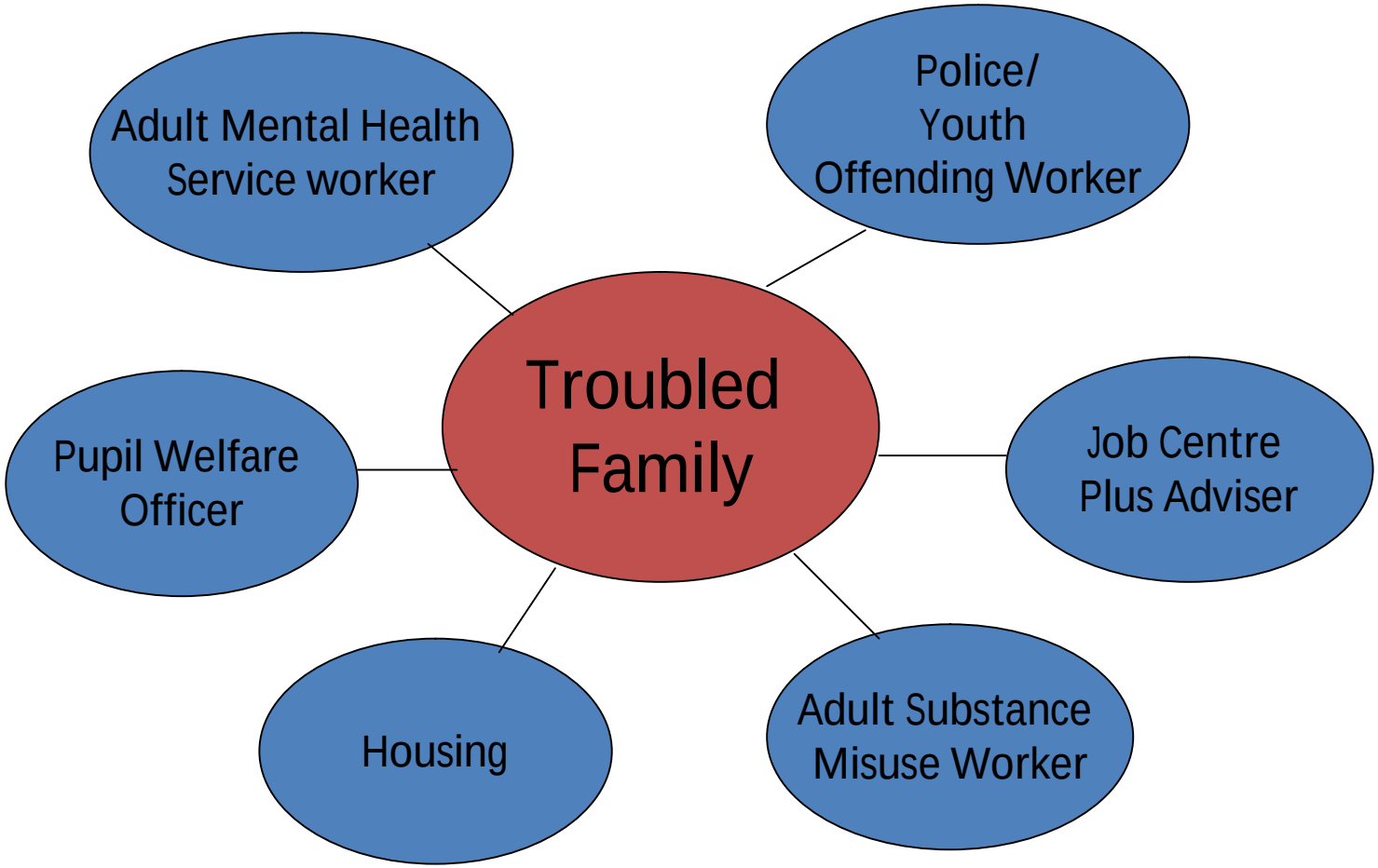
Family with multiple issues = multiple agencies, multiple interventions



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Tackling the Blocks in Blackpool

- Partnership working
- Redesigning Services
- Aligning and Integrating Services

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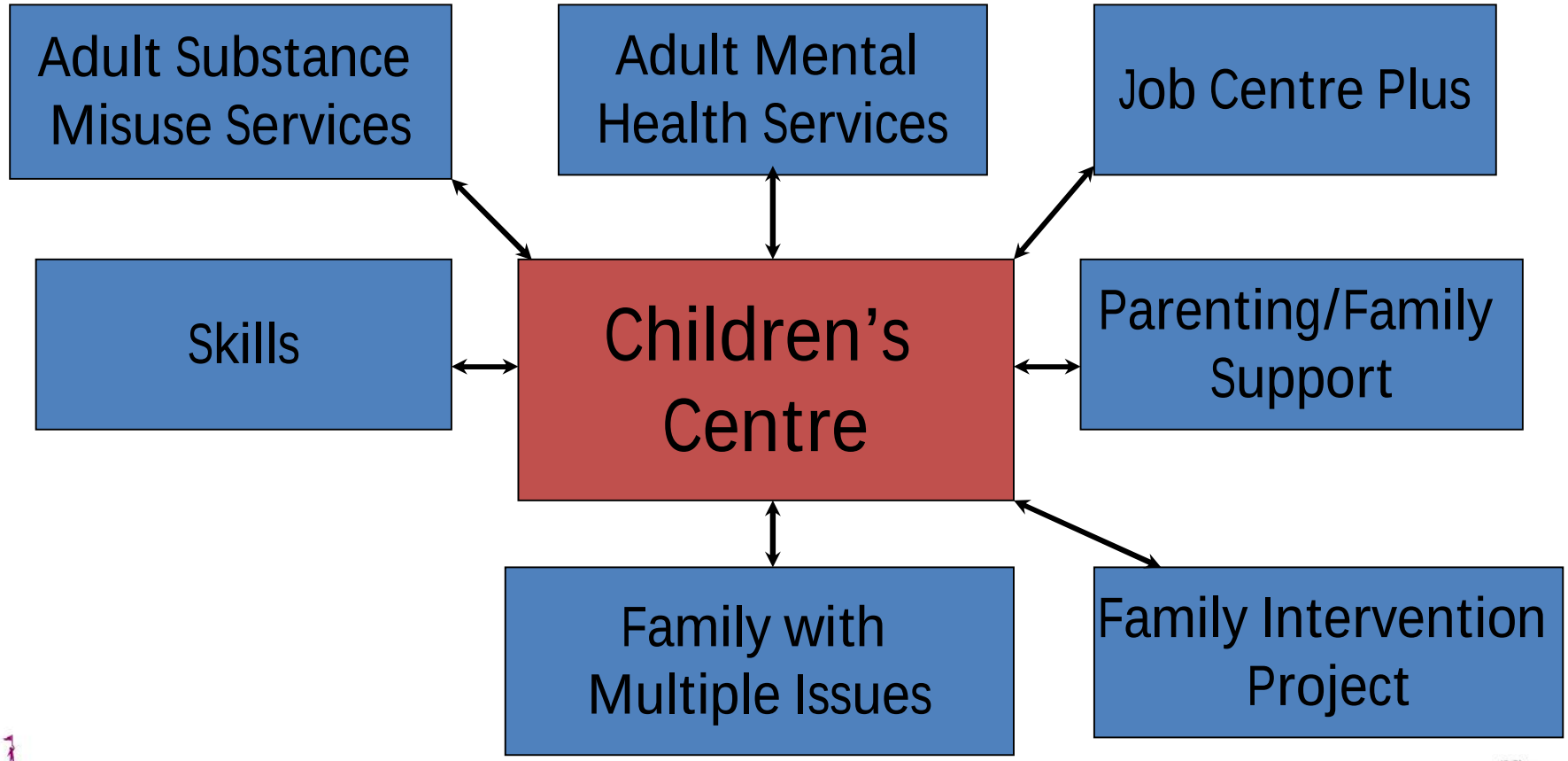

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Key Factors

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- Family Intervention Project
- Use of Children's Centres
- Community Budget Intervention Panel
- Awareness Raising and Training

Community Budget Intervention process

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Practitioner identifies family with a child and the parent would benefit from support from Horizon (Adult Substance Misuse), Mental Health team, Jobcentre Plus and/or Family Support.

Practitioner completes Community Budget Intervention Form and attends Community Budget Intervention Panel

Practitioner completes TAF assessment and develops action plan

Practitioner reviews action plan and reports to panel at intervals agreed at panel

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Our Outcomes

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- Reach 250 Families over 3 years
- Decrease Adult Substance Misuse
- Improve parental mental ill-health
- Reduce worklessness
- Improve School and Nursery attendance

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Case Study 'D'

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D - Single Mum, Private rented house, 3 children

- Lifetime of abuse, suffered domestic abuse
- Mental health and previous substance misuse
- Debt problems
- Self-employed-no work-cannot afford rent
- Children unhappy-poor home atmosphere

Case taken to Community Budget Intervention Panel

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What happened

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Lead practitioner allocated who assessed and supported

- D accessing parenting course and family support
- D accessing mental health services
- D accessing debt advice
- D to find work

Leading to outcomes:

- Children calmer, happier and helping in the home
- D more confident that she will not revert to substance misuse
- Family income meeting outgoings
- D's mental state and resilence improved

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