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## **Family Action comments ahead of publication of the Government's Child Poverty Strategy**

Commenting before the publication of the Child Poverty Strategy Family Action's Head of Policy and Campaigns Rhian Beynon said: *"The strategy's been a long time in production but we fear it will be short on detail and weak on action. Poor and disadvantaged families need a combination of effective services and financial support to give their children a decent start in life. But already early intervention services such as those offered by Family Action have been cut around the country and welfare cuts and reforms will slash the financial help that vulnerable families get.*

*"With the Government making families housing unstable through cuts to housing support and cuts to welfare support we're worried that we will see more of the families we help in poverty before the strategy has even got off the ground. In particular we fear for parents with mental health issues who find it harder to get into work both for reasons of childcare costs, stigma and their need for support. They are losing some of our services and they will suffer as a result of changes in the welfare reform bill."*