

## Glasgow families to take part in services study

**GLASGOW'S babies and toddlers are helping in a major study on children's services from birth to school.**

The Growing Up in Scotland study will track 8000 families from across the country and assess their attitudes towards childcare, parenting, health and education.

The scheme will then be used to revitalise early years and children's services for future generations of youngsters.

The first interviews with parents in Glasgow take place this month and parents will be contacted annually until their child reaches the age of five. Follow up interviews with children will track them into their teens.

Families are being carefully selected to ensure Growing Up in Scotland represents Scotland's urban/rural and economic backgrounds. All local authority areas will be represented.

It is likely that children will be asked directly for their views as they reach an appropriate age.

Deputy education and young people minister Euan Robson said: "Listening to the views of Glasgow parents and young children is vital if we are to strengthen services."

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