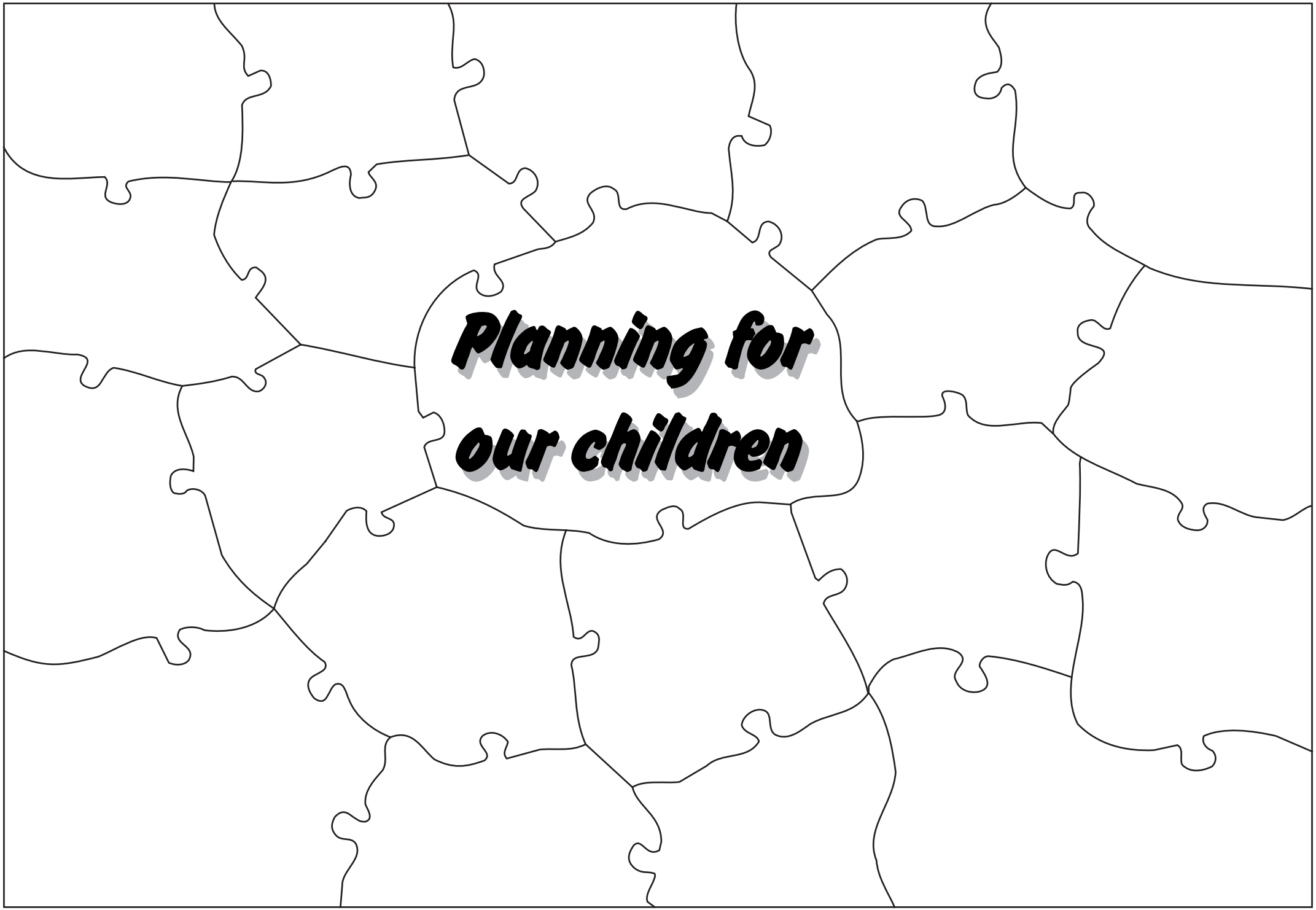

Planning for
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MEMORY PROJECT

PLANNING JIGSAW - check list for workshop leaders

Most parents who join in the Memory Project workshops have a goal. They want to make sure their children will be safe if they are not around to see them through to independence. At the beginning this can seem an impossible task. **The Planning Jigsaw** gives an easy way to show they are making progress.

The idea is to encourage parents to fill in bits of the jigsaw with information about what they are doing towards preparing their children and making good plans for whatever might happen in the future.

Here are some ideas to look out for in the feedback session:

- Coming on this Workshop to learn more.
- Being prepared to be open about health (or other problems).
- Learning more about what children understand at different ages.
- Making sure children learn practical skills which will help them survive in the future (cultivating, cooking, family trade or business etc.).
- Including children in discussions about their own future, including choosing of guardians if needed.
- Finding out about ownership of property and making sure its properly registered.
- Finding important paperwork and putting in a safe place.(birth certificates, health records etc)
- Starting to write a Memory Book.
- Starting to write a legal will.
- Finding ways to get information about the family background.
- Talking about plans with the children's father and relatives.
- Joining a support group and/or finding a Planning Partner.
- Finding out more about official people and offices that can give advice and support in future (such as local council members, district administrator, court process.).
- Starting to find out about the law of the land and how it can be used to help make plans "stick."
- Getting best available health care for self and children.
- Add any new ideas that come up from the group……