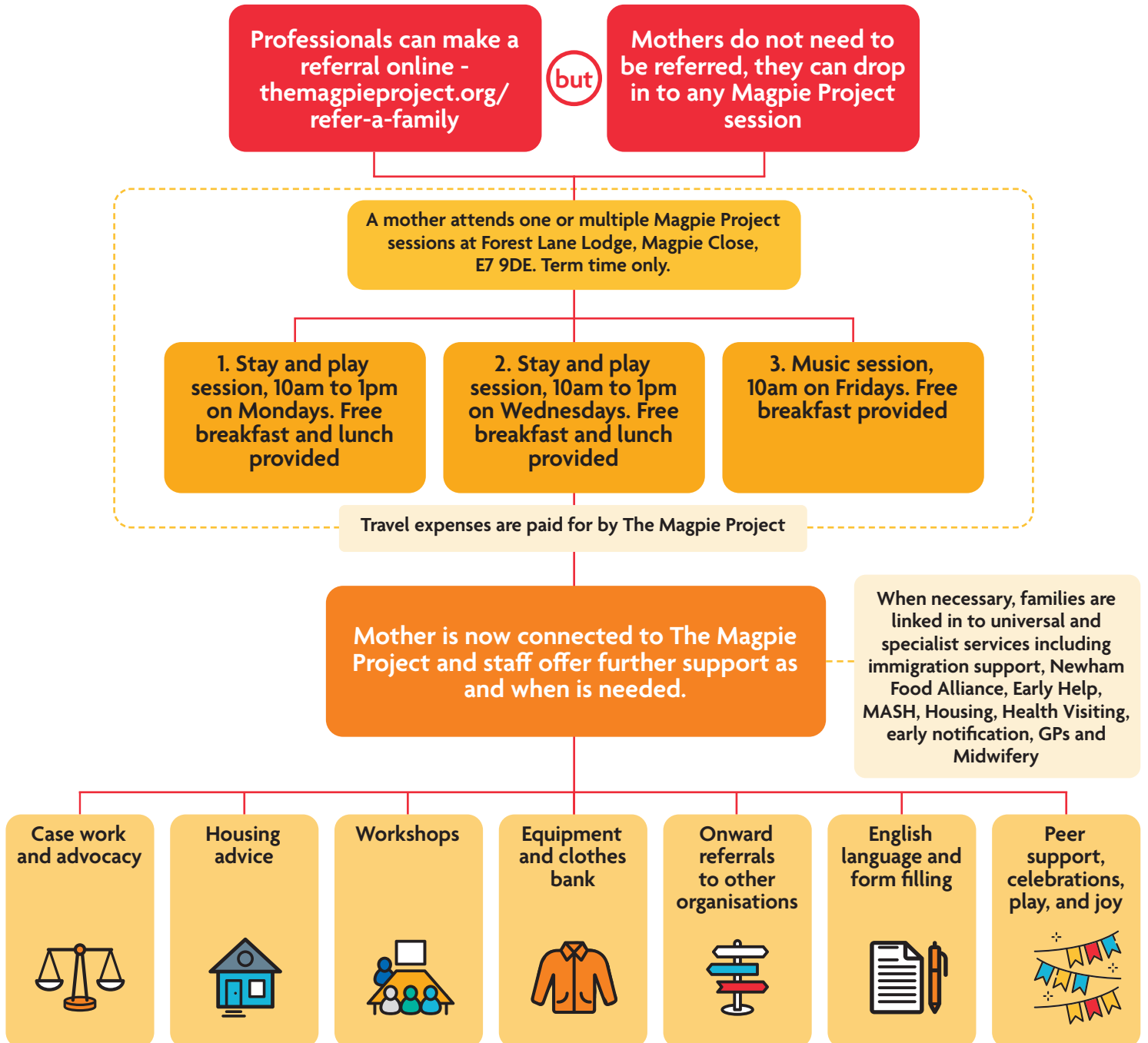


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CASE STUDIES

PREGNANT WOMEN SEEKING ASYLUM

Nadia lives in a home-office contingency hotel. She was brought along to a Magpie Project drop in session by a friend. Nadia let The Magpie Project know in their 'welcome interview' with a case worker that she was pregnant. That day, Magpie gave her a 'hospital bag' with newborn essentials, put her on a waiting list for a buggy, made sure she had applied for her maternity grant, and looked for other grants and support to which she is eligible. Magpie encouraged her to come back for clothes, to stay and play and to eat a healthy lunch.



IMMIGRATION ADVICE AND PRACTICAL ITEMS

Silvia was referred to The Magpie Project by her Children's Centre support worker. The support worker wanted The Magpie Project to help Silvia with referrals for immigration advice as well a practical items. The Magpie Project did a MASH referral to Newham Social Services as Silvia and her children were at threat of homelessness, and had no recourse to public funds. The Magpie Project supported her to move towards regularising her immigration status.



ASPEN CARD AND OTHER SUPPORT

Arabella came to the project on the recommendation of a friend she had met at the Home Office hotel in Newham where she stayed. She was facing two main issues, the first that she had not yet received her ASPEN card which meant she had not received any subsistence money for months. The second that she was struggling to make a doctor's appointment for her child.

On her first day, The Magpie Project gave her a one off emergency fund and invited her to stay for lunch and for a craft workshop. She met a woman who spoke the same language as her, so she was happy to stay and chat. A member of staff rang Arabella's GP and arranged for a double length appointment with an interpreter. Staff then gained Arabella's written permission to act on her behalf, before sending an email to the home office to chase up her ASPEN card.

Later that week, she visited Magpie's clothes club to get clothes for herself and her two children, aged under five.

She is now also part of Magpie's Tuesday English classes and has since received her ASPEN card.

