



Child Protection Orientation Program 2

Integration of Child Protection Practice and Signs of Safety

Target group: Departmental child protection workers and Family Support staff.

Trauma Sensitive Practice with Families (Day 1 & 2)

Aim: To strengthen knowledge and skills to support work with complex and traumatised families.

Learning Outcomes:

- To identify the neuro, psychological, social and physical impacts of trauma.
- To understand the impacts of traumatising attachments on both parents and children.
- Explore the practice implications of trauma dynamics in family systems
- Develop a knowledge of various trauma assessments for working with families and children.
- Develop helping and healing strategies specific to brain development constructs.
- Apply the Child Development and Trauma guides to create preliminary assessments of developmental delay.

Assessing Child Abuse and Neglect Using Signs of Safety (Days 3 – 5)

Aim: To extend participants' knowledge and skills to assess and respond to child abuse and neglect using the Signs of Safety Child Protection Practice Framework.

Learning Outcomes:

- Explain and apply the Department's policies and practice guidance (including child development and trauma guides) to assess and respond to child abuse and neglect
- Assess and respond to concerns of child abuse and neglect;
- Assess and recommend whether to substantiate significant harm or the likelihood of significant harm
- Assess and recommend whether a person is responsible for harm or assessed as causing significant harm
- Assess and recommend whether a child is in need of protection.
- Develop safety plans with families when there has been allegations of harm.

Prerequisites

- Completion of [Child Protection Orientation Program 1](#) and online learning module [Legislation for Case Practice Part 2 \(7-8\)](#).
- Pre-reading of [Case Practice Manual Section 4.1 Assessment and Investigation Process](#) and any other papers as advised upon enrolment.

Registration

- Child Protection Staff must register using [Employee Self Service](#)

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