



Hidden Harm (the impact on children of parental substance misuse) – Level 3

an inter-agency multi-disciplinary approach

The authors of Hidden Harm (ACMD, 2003) estimates that there are between 200,000 and 300,000 children of problem drug users in England and Wales (2-3% of all children in England and Wales under 16 years). There are up to 1.3million children affected by parental alcohol problems (AHRSE, 2004)

Who is it for?

This course is for all those practitioners and managers who regularly work with children and families and who have professional responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. It is recommended that participants already have an understanding of the processes involved in safeguarding children (an e-learning course is available through Durham LSCB) as well as a basic knowledge of substance misuse.

This is a “countywide” course for those practitioners and managers who have not been able to attend locality based training. Locality based courses are delivered in all districts and where possible course applicants should apply for a course in the area in which they work.

Aim

To enable participants to contribute to multi-agency and single-agency assessments of substance misusing parents; keeping the children of these families in focus.

Objectives

By the end of the course, attendees will:

- ✓ focus on the needs of the children in working with substance misusing parents
- ✓ be more able to contribute to multi-agency assessments of children and families where parents are misusing substances
- ✓ have an awareness of the documents connected to Hidden Harm both nationally and locally
- ✓ recognise their own feelings in working with substance misusing parents.

Courses will be held on the following dates at venues across the County

Locality	Date	Time	Venue
Durham	Fri 16 April 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	Fostering & Adoption Centre Langley Moor
Sedgefield	Mon 17 May 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	Aycliffe Conference Centre
Dales	Wed 2 June 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	To be confirmed
Dales	Tues 13 July 2010	9.15-4.30pm	Bishop Auckland Town Hall
Derwentside	Mon 19 July 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	Stanley Education Centre
Easington	Tues 21 Sept 2010	9.15-4.30	East Durham College
Easington	Thurs 30 Sept 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	East Durham College
Durham	Mon 25 Oct 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	Fostering & Adoption Centre, Langley Moor
Sedgefield	Thurs 18 Nov 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	Aycliffe Conference Centre
Dales	Wed 1 Dec 2010	9.15am-4.30pm	To be confirmed