



Safeguarding Children Board

## **Working with Resistant Families**

### **(Child Centred Practice)**

#### **Target Audience**

This course is for **experienced practitioners** who work directly with children, young people and their families in their home environment undertaking assessment of need and analysis of risk. It will also be of benefit to **managers** and **supervisors** of such staff, who have professional and organisational responsibility for safeguarding and promoting children's welfare.

#### **Course Aim**

The main focus of this course is to encourage and equip participants to maintain a child centred focus when working with "resistant" families. Such families may exhibit disguised compliance or an inability to sustain positive change their children. It will include those situations where it appears that there is insufficient evidence for a child to meet a "threshold" for further intervention and yet practitioners have a "gut feeling" that all is not well.

The training will be underpinned with messages from research and lessons from Serious Case Reviews.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

This training will be delivered using unique, visual presentations which will enable participants to connect in an experiential way with familiar themes from their practice. There is no PowerPoint.

These are the outcomes you can expect from this one-day course:

- you'll be able to explore strategies for maintaining a child centred and 'authoritative' approach with resistant families, without losing empathy and compassion
- you'll be better equipped to recognise 'disguised compliance' in families, particularly where the cumulative impact of child neglect is a concern
- the crucial role of reflective supervision for frontline practitioners will be reinforced
- you will understand better the impact of fear and stress on infant/child resilience and survival
- you'll be better equipped to wrestle with the challenging question, "How long should we keep trying with this family?"
- you will have a chance to revisit your deep-rooted commitment and motivation to work with children and young people.

#### **When does the course run and how do I book?**

The course will run from 09:30 to 16:30 (registration from 09:00) as follows:

- Thursday 26th September 2019 - Appleton House, BD3 9BD
- Thursday 14th November 2019 - Appleton House, BD3 9BD
- Thursday 6th February 2020 - Appleton House, BD3 9BD

#### **How do I apply?**

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