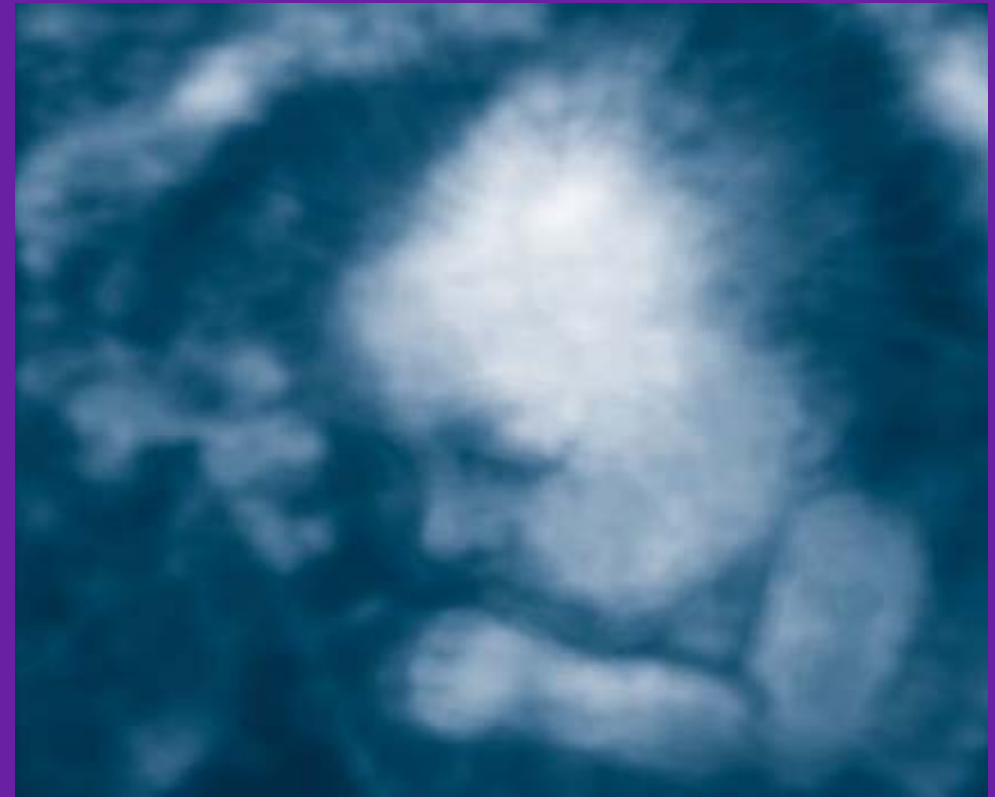


“It’s Only a Baby”

research programme designed to look at strategies for intervention which can help reduce the trauma for the child and improve their attachment to their birth parent or foster carer. The day course will give an account of this research and look at ways that current nursing intervention and parenting practices can be improved

For further details and application forms, please contact Family Futures Training Services Co-ordinator or alternatively look on our website



“It’s Only a Baby”

These three linked days focus on current innovations in the field of observation, assessment, therapeutic intervention and placement of babies. They have been designed for

- o **Child Protection Social Workers**
 - o **Adoption Social Workers**
 - o **Fostering Social Workers**
 - o **Guardians**
 - o **Paediatricians**
 - o **Health Visitors**
 - o **Paediatric Nurses**
 - o **Paediatric Liaison Staff**
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- › **Play Specialists**
 - › **Psychotherapists**
 - › **Psychologists**
 - › **Psychiatrists**

There has been a recent revival in interest in the development of babies in the womb and post birth, and the impact of trauma, psychological and physiological on their long term development.

OBSERVATION, ASSESSMENT & INTERVENTION WITH BABIES & THEIR MOTHERS

21-22 April 2006

Course presented by Jeanne Magagna & Griselda Kellie-Smith

Cost £360 + VAT (Incl. lunch)
Bursaries available for Nurses & Play Specialists

Dr Jeanne Magagna is a much respected child, adult and family therapist, who is an expert in the field of baby observation and therapy. She is the joint editor of a recently published book called 'Intimate Transformations; Babies with Their Families'. Griselda Kellie-Smith is a child and adult psychotherapist who has worked at Family Futures assessing and treating traumatised babies and children. She is currently participating in a pilot research project observing substance using mothers and their new born babies.

The two day course will introduce participants to the art of baby observation. The course will look at a range of assessment tools for



evaluating a baby's development and relationship to the primary carer, usually the mother. Assessment and therapeutic application of infant observation will be discussed. The course will also address the following questions:

- o Does the baby urgently need to be removed?
- o Having offered therapeutic intervention, does the baby still need to be removed?
- o Having received therapeutic intervention, what is in the baby's best interest?

NEW PRACTICES IN BABY PLACEMENT

The Impact of Substance Abuse on Babies and Placing Babies of Substance Abusing Mothers in Foster care or for Adoption

10 November 2006

Course presented by Dr Judith Meek, Alan Burnell & Griselda Kellie-Smith

Cost £180 + VAT (Incl. lunch)

An increasing number of babies are being born to substance abusing birth parents and are being placed in foster care or in adoptive placements. Family Futures along with other agencies in the field have been concerned about the effect that pre-birth exposure to toxic substances has upon the baby's development into childhood. Though addicted babies are well managed medically, the withdrawal process is psychologically traumatising for the baby. There are further difficulties for the substance abusing birth parent in how to care for their baby whilst in hospital or at home.

Family Futures has carried out a pilot