

Sibling Placements

13 May 2010

Presented by Ann Kitson & Wendy Daniel

Placing sibling groups is a complex process, which often raises strong feelings when the separation of siblings is considered. It is the convention that sibling groups should be placed together and research suggests that this is a protective factor. As a result of our work with children who have experienced early trauma and experience attachment difficulties, we have come to question these assumptions. Our work has highlighted the need for very detailed assessments of sibling attachments. The day will explore the assertion that, for some children, separating sibling groups is a low-risk option and that some sibling attachments hinder rather than help the re-parenting of traumatised children.

Cost: £150 + VAT (Incl. lunch & training handbook)

Introduction to Family Futures Assessment Handbook

26 May 2010

Presented by Alan Burnell & Rachel Staff

Family Futures have published their assessment handbook designed to help social workers and other professionals make assessments of children covering the following issues: -

How traumatised they are and their attachment style

Whether a sibling group should be placed together or separately

Their need for contact with birth relatives

The sort of parenting they need and a framework for matching

This highly acclaimed assessment handbook provides a framework for analysing information gathered about a child based on theory and research from the fields of attachment theory, developmental trauma and neuro-science.

Cost: £150 + VAT (Incl. lunch & training handbook)

Contact Arrangements for Children who are Fostered & Adopted

21 October 2010

Presented by Wendy Daniel & Rachel Staff

Contact has become one of the most contentious issues in family placement. Research evidence as to whether contact is a proactive factor is questionable. High levels of contact for protracted periods while cases are in proceedings, the explicit and implicit messages that come with contact and "termination" of contact are difficult to manage. Family Futures has pioneered the concept of "facilitated contact" pre and post order as a way of ensuring that contact is both safe and meaningful. Family Futures believes that face-to-face contact should be seen as a therapeutic opportunity rather than a re-enactment of the past. This course will look at ways of making contact safe, meaningful and therapeutic for all parties.

A copy of the handbook will be provided as part of the training package.

Cost: £150 + VAT (Incl. lunch & training handbook)

Dan Hughes Courses

DHL1 – 25-29 January 2010

DHL2 – 17-20 May 2010

DHL3 – 21-22 May 2010

Dr. Dan Hughes is a psychologist whose developmental attachment therapy has been much acclaimed by parents and professionals, both in this country and the USA.

Theraplay®

Theraplay® Introductory Certificate Course – 7-11 June 2010

Theraplay® Intermediate Certificate Course – 4-6 October 210

Family Futures is committed to running the complete Theraplay training course to enable UK participants to qualify in Theraplay®. We therefore also host the intermediate course and supervision days.

**For further information or an application form on any of the enclosed training, please contact Joanne Collett; Training Services Co-ordinator
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FAMILY FUTURES 2010 TRAINING PROGRAMME

Matching - Assessments of Children & Prospective Adoptive Parents

25 March 2010

Presented by Alan Burnell & Ann Kitson

One of the hardest tasks in family placement is matching children and prospective parents. In family placement reports there is a lot of descriptive and factual information on both the child and the parents but no framework for matching the two. At Family Futures we have adapted attachment based child and adult assessments and have developed a framework for matching the strengths and vulnerabilities of the parents with a profile of the parenting needs. In this way it is possible to make more complimentary matches and to plan adoption support programmes that are bespoke and specific to a particular child and its new parents. This approach enables pro-active planning and a way of analysing post-placement difficulties in parenting a child with attachment difficulties.

Cost: £150 + VAT (Incl. lunch & training handbook)

Transitions – Moving Families

1 April 2010

Presented by Eugene Ellis & Ann Kitson

Helping children to move from foster home to permanent placement has been a neglected area of practice. For many children such moves are fraught, hasty and represent the loss of a significant carer. An added complexity occurs when siblings are moved together especially if they are in separate placements.

Family Futures has advocated that in certain situations serial placement of siblings is a more "natural" way to proceed and to help develop new attachment based practices can minimise the risks and how the role of foster-carers can be enhanced.

Cost: £150 + VAT (Incl. lunch & training handbook)

New Developments in Assessing and Teaching Looked After Children and Children who are Adopted

Won't Do or Can't Do?

28 April 2010

Presented by Marion Allen; *Educational Specialist*

She will be demonstrating the use of her new publications; Resource Packs for helping children in the classroom.

Cost: £150 + VAT (Incl. lunch & training handbook)

