

One day training event - 31st March 2011
Registration:

Islington, London
9.30am Start: 10.00am Close: 4.30pm

MATCHES - made in heaven?

Assessments of Children and Prospective Adoptive Parents



Refreshments/Lunch provided

FEE: £150 + VAT

*“Very enjoyable course and thorough information pack, will be helpful in my job”
“Brought lots of tools and frameworks together for consideration” – Course participants, 2010*

One of the hardest tasks in family placement is matching prospective parents. In family placement reports, there is often a great deal of descriptive and factual information on both the child and the parents, but no framework for matching the two. Without a coherent matching approach, we have to rely on intuition alone, which is rarely sufficient. **Family Futures** has adapted attachment-based adult and child assessments in the development of a unique framework for matching the strengths and vulnerabilities of the prospective parents, with a profile of the parenting needs of the child. This makes it possible to make more complementary matches, to analyse post-placement parenting difficulties, and to plan post-adoption support programmes that are bespoke and specific to the particular child and its new parents.
The course will cover -

- **Conducting attachment-based child / prospective parent assessments**

- **Using the Family Futures Matching Framework for matching, analysing parenting difficulties, and planning appropriate interventions for post-placement support**

Who is the course designed for?

Staff from adoption, post-adoption, allied professionals involved in family placement

Who will present the course?

Alan Burnell, *Registered Manager*, and Wendy Daniel, *Social Worker, Family Futures*

Will there be any handouts? Each participant will receive -

i) a copy of the **Course Handbook** ii) a **peer-training CD** with keynotes from the workshop, so that they can present material to colleagues on return to their own workplace, iii) **Attendance certificate** iv) **Consultation** with trainers, on issues that arise on using the Handbook after the workshop, is available by arrangement

How do I book? Are there any more details?

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