

Effects of Substance Use in Pregnancy (Advanced [Mental Health / Substance Use]: 1/2 day) 2009/2010

This workshop will allow you to explore and discuss the effects of substance use in pregnancy and look at specific practice skills linked to the recommendations following *Hidden Harm* (2003).

This workshop is suitable for a range of professionals including social workers, substance misuse workers, community Pediatricians, commissioners of children's services, midwives and CAMH professionals.

Trainers:

Fiona Timlett, Geraldine O'Driscoll

(Specialist midwives)

Milly Carmichael

(Multi-agency Training Co-ordinator)

Sarah Morgan

(Targeted Mental Health in Schools Team)

Aims of the session:

To introduce participants to the key issues associated with the use of alcohol and other drugs during pregnancy

Learning outcomes: -

- ❑ Identify the main physiological and psychological impacts of maternal use of alcohol and other drugs during pregnancy
- ❑ Outline the process of foetal brain development
- ❑ State why early identification and intervention are essential in minimising harm
- ❑ Describe the process of support and management offered by local services List the key opportunity when supportive interventions will be most effective
- ❑ Demonstrate how the effects of drug and alcohol use in pregnancy are one part of a multiplicity of influences that bring to bear on the physical, social and emotional development of children and young people

Venue Oaktree Centre, Priory Road, SN3 2HA

March 23rd 2010 (Tues) 11.00 – 15.30

July 20th 2010 (Tues) 11.00 – 15.30

November 18th 2010 (Thur) 11.00 - 15.30

One more date between Jan – Mar 2011 - tbc

Any other linked courses?

We require you have attended Foundation 'Understanding Alcohol & aOther Drugs' (or equivalent) prior to this course

Phase 2: This is a recommended companion course to 'Advanced Skills In Alcohol & Other Drugs' and 'Let's Leave It 'Til Later...Delaying Sexual Activity'.

A recent BBC documentary found that there are no reliable figures of the number of children affected, but experts estimate that there are about 7,000 children living in the UK, who were born with lifelong incurable problems caused by their mother's drinking during pregnancy.

Mothers' drug-taking too, is a factor in a significant proportion of care proceedings, often leading to the permanent removal of those children from their birth family. A number of these children are in the looked after population, some will need to be placed with permanent families.

****Please note****

This course is fully subsidised but non-attendance and cancellations that cannot be filled will be charged at £75.If you leave the course early you will also be charged and /or forfeit your certificate of attendance

All applications to be sent to Tbrown2@swindon.gov.uk or Tracey Brown, Floor 9, DMJ Building, Canal Walk, Swindon, SN1 1LD