

Parental Substance Misuse*

Course Description: To consider the impact and effects of working with families where parents abuse substances (See the Adult, See the Child). The course is designed as an introduction to parental substance misuse and aims to provide professionals with an enhanced understanding of the knowledge and skills required to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in complex and challenging situations. The course will explore the impact and effects of working with families where parental substance misuse is a factor.

Target Group: In addition to level 1 training this course is aimed at professionals across all agencies working with adults who are parents, children and families. Those undertaking this course will need to have completed Child Protection Level One Training.

Training Level: Level 2/3 (suitable for update training)

Pre-Requisite Learning: We recommend delegates complete child protection training at Level 1 or 2 before attending this course

Aims/Objectives:

- Develop a deeper understanding of what is meant by substance misuse, risks and harms
- Explore parental substance misuse, its effects on children and parenting capacity and the implications for practitioners.
- Be familiar with working definitions of substance use and misuse
- Know about the substances that are most commonly misused, and the different levels of use
- Understand how different substances might affect a person's behaviour
- Identify the stages involved in changing substance misusing behaviour
- Consider the range of treatment options and support available to substance misusing adults

Course Type: Classroom

Length of Course: 1 day

Valid for: Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and any deputies within schools and early years settings, need their training to be updated every 2 years in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education Guidance 2016. For all other staff, the LSCB recommends that child protection training is refreshed every three years

Cost: £100 to organisations that do not contribute to the Swindon LSCB budget
£25 for Early Years staff
Free of charge to all partner agencies

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