

New Horizons - Opportunities to widen your experience and skills

NAGALRO TRAINING PROGRAMME 2012

Nagalro Spring 2012 Conference

INTERIM CONTACT - MEETING THE NEEDS OF INFANTS

This conference will explore the contact needs of infants during care proceedings in the light of recent research and in the context of the importance of maintaining the child's relationship with parents on an interim basis whilst assessments are undertaken and prior to final decisions being made by the Court. Speakers will address how the voice and needs of the individual infant can be heard during this process, and consider assessment, policy and detailed practice issues in relation to contact. It will be of interest to all involved in the family court system and those in local authorities and voluntary agencies with a role in making arrangements or decisions in relation to contact, together with those who directly supervise contact and their managers and fostering and adoption workers.

Speakers will include Dr Danya Glaser - Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Department of Psychological Medicine at Great Ormond Street Hospital, Dr John Simmons - Director of Policy BAAF, Tim O'Regan - Solicitor and Bidy Youell - Head of Child Psychotherapy, Tavistock Centre, London.

St Catherine's College, Oxford: Monday, 12 March 2012

£95.00 - £145.00

6 CPD credits

Managing Conflict; Conflict Resolution and Mediation Skills

This 2 day course aims to enable professionals to develop their knowledge and practice when working with conflict and to support them in their critical analysis of conflict situations to aid effective assessments and decisions about interventions. It will introduce a range of theoretical conceptual models to consider the nature and causes of conflict and look at how mediation skills can be applied to your work and also the lessons which can be learned about conflict from serious case reviews when working with families in crisis. A range of methods will be used, including a conflict styles questionnaire, case material, small and large group discussions, role play and skills based sessions to explore the range of theoretical and practice issues under consideration.

London: Thursday 17 and Friday 18 May 2012

Trainers: **Lorraine Schaffer**: Former Director of the Centre for Mediation and Conflict Resolution at the Institute of Family Therapy and **Jean Kelly**: Independent Social Worker and Graduate of the MSc in Conflict Resolution and Mediation Studies run by IFT and London University.

£190.00 - £290.00

12 CPD credits

PAMS 3.0

To provide participants with a working knowledge of the Parent Assessment Manual software 3.0 for use as a multi-disciplinary, inter-agency assessment tool in their practice, using explicit shared criteria. An opportunity for professionals to "retune" their intervention skills. It covers engagement issues, disordered attachment, cognitive-behavioural principles and the development of teaching programmes for vulnerable parents.

London: Monday and Tuesday, 24 and 25 September 2012

Trainer: Dr Sue McGaw or Rosanna Aten-Shearwood. 12 CPD credits

INVESTIGATING AND RESPONDING TO CHILDREN ACT COMPLAINTS AND REPRESENTATIONS – what can we learn and how can we do better?

Manchester, Thursday 26 April 2012

This course provides participants with an opportunity to explore the legislative, regulatory and procedural framework governing Children Act complaints whilst also offering opportunities for reflection and sharing of individual experiences which can be incorporated into future practice.

Judith Dodd, Independent Social Care Consultant and **Maria McCaffrey**, Independent Consultant and Independent Complaints Investigator

£95.00 - £145.00

6 CPD credits

VIABILITY, RISK AND CAPABILITY ASSESSMENTS

The course will seek to address the issues raised when urgent provision of a Family or Friends placement, or an opinion is required regarding the viability of birth parents resuming care of a child following changed circumstances. It will take account of different stages and depth of assessment depending on the time scale for the work and the requirements. The needs of the child will be paramount and techniques will be included to help discover the child's perspective. The assessment of potential carers will take account of their experience, history and attachment profile, including research on the benefits and complexities of family placements.

London: Thursday, 6 December 2012

Trainers: Carol Platteuw, Play Therapist and Independent Social Worker and Kathy Butcher, Children's Guardian and Independent Social Worker

£95.00 - £145.00

6 CPD credits

ASSESSING ADULT ATTACHMENT Part 1: Attachment, Trauma and Change

This course will aim to assist practitioners in using recent research and theoretical developments relating to adult attachment to inform their assessments of parents, prospective foster carers and adopters, and other adults who wish to care for a child subject to family court proceedings. The course uses videos, interview transcripts and case material to help practitioners extend their understanding of the adults whom they assess, and see how this impacts upon dependent children. It will be relevant to anyone involved in undertaking or evaluating social work assessments, for example, Independent Social Workers, Children's Guardians, Family Court Advisors, and solicitors interested in how this field can assist the Court. The course can be attended as a standalone course, or in conjunction with Part 2, which teaches participants to classify and interpret interviews with parents about their child and parenting.

London: Wednesday 23 May 2012

Trainer: Ben Grey, Therapeutic Assessments and Interventions Team Manager, Family Care

£95.00 - £145.00

6 CPD credits

ASSESSING ADULT ATTACHMENT Part 2: Parenting: Assessing Risk and Resilience in Parent-Child Relationships through Parenting Interviews

This course is intended for those who have attended Part 1 (and/or Part 2 of the previous Assessing Adult Attachment Course).

This course teaches participants to use and apply the knowledge and skills gained in Part 1 to administer and interpret interviews with parents about their child and their parenting. Attachment and child protection research would suggest that the most critical factor in assessing parenting is the way parents *think* about their child; the meaning the child has to parent in the light of the parent's experiences, especially those involving trauma or loss. Participants will be taught how to evaluate and understand parental ways of speaking about their child and parenting in a way that yields an in-depth understanding of the parent-child relationship, informing and evidencing decision making and intervention. This course builds on research currently being undertaken through Roehampton University, to teach participants a method of formally classifying (interpreting in a standardised and evidenced based way) transcripts of parenting interviews carried out. Videos of parent-child interaction will be used to show the connections between how parents speak and think about their child, and how they behave as parents. Getting the most of the course, and being accredited as reliable in this method, will require classifying transcripts outside the formal teaching days, with feedback by email.

London: Thursday 24 May 2012, Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 September 2012

Trainer: Ben Grey, Assessments Manager, Family Care, former Children's Guardian and ISW
Juliet Goddard, Senior Specialist Infant Mental Health Social Worker, Family Care

£95.00 - £145.00 per day

18 CPD credits

Nagalro is pleased to offer again the Cardiff University Law School Bond Solon FAMILY EXPERT WITNESS CERTIFICATE

5 day training course in London

Thursday 14 June 2012 - Excellence in Report Writing

Friday 15 June 2012 - Courtroom Skills Training

Monday 16 July 2012 - Cross Examination Day 1

Thursday 13 September 2012 - Family Law & Procedure Day 1

Friday 14 September 2011 - Family Law & Procedure Day 2

Please contact the Nagalro Office for details

30 cpd credits

Nagalro Autumn Conference

Brave New World: implications for children of new directions in family court proceedings

Topics will include the impact of the Family Justice Review, legal aid changes, attitudes to adoption and new approaches to the use of courts. Speakers from the judiciary, legal, social work and academic backgrounds.

London: Monday, 15 October 2012

£95.00 - £145.00

6 CPD credits



INDEPENDENT SOCIAL WORKERS

Children and Family specialists

Nagalro is the professional association for specialist children and family social workers and family court advisors. We promote high standards of practice in independent social work with children and families. Examples of expertise offered by our members are:

- Specialist assessments including Risk Assessments for local authorities and other agencies
- Independent Assessments for the Courts / Expert witness skills
- Skills and Knowledge in Languages, Culture and Disability

Are you looking for an independent social worker?

Local authorities, other agencies and the Courts often use our online ISW Directory at **www.nagalro.com** or contact Nagalro on 01372 818504. All the ISWs listed in our on-line directory are currently registered with the GSCC and are CRB checked.

Are you an ISW looking for work?

Nagalro offers vital resources for independent social workers. Whether you are just thinking about starting out in your own business or you have been working on a freelance basis for some years, Nagalro has a lively professional network giving quick access to information and support that keeps you up to date, plus:

- Professional and Public Liability Indemnity Insurance
- Publicity and Marketing
- High Quality Training
- Receipt of our professional journal: 'Seen & Heard'
- Regional Support Groups

Contact **Nagalro** on **01372 818504** or **nagalro@globalnet.co.uk**

The Professional Association for Children's Guardians, Family Court Advisers and Independent Social Workers

Interested in seeing a Nagalro course in your local area? Contact us to discuss arrangements.

For application forms and further details please contact Nagalro:
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