

Childhood neglect: Notes for trainers

Neglect and parental substance misuse

Based on Appendix 3, Example 5 in *Childhood Neglect: Improving outcomes for children. Guidance for trainers.* London: DfE.

1 day

Learning outcomes

- To identify concerns about parenting capacity that may contribute to neglect
- To assess parenting received by a child
- To address factors affecting parenting capacity

Audiences: 2–5

Seven-step model: 1–7

Brief key to audiences and work with children and/or families

- 1 Infrequent contact
- 2 Regular, or irregular but intense, contact
- 3 Work predominantly with children and/or families
- 4 Responsibilities relating to s47 enquiries
- 5 Professional advisors; named/designated professionals
- 6 Operational managers
- 7 Senior managers
- 8 LSCB board members

Brief key to seven-step model

- 1 Consider referral and safety issues
- 2 Gather information
- 3 Organise information using Assessment Framework triangle
- 4 Analyse processes affecting child's health and development
- 5 Predict outlook for child
- 6 Plan interventions
- 7 Identify outcomes and measures

Comments

This course focuses on parents/carers with substance misuse issues. However, some of the material can be integrated with other presentations and exercises to consider parental difficulties such as domestic abuse (P7) or parental mental ill health (P10).

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Suggested programme

Key to codes

P PowerPoint presentation	N Presentation notes	E Exercise	H Handout
G Trainer guidance	F Family case study	M Audio	MS Video

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Session theme	Materials/Activity	Duration	Sample timing
Housekeeping and introductions		15m	9.30–9.45
Warm up	Understanding adult substance misuse and dependence E14 G14	30m	9.45–10.15
A child's experience	Emily's story M4.0 audio Discussion in pairs	15m (5m 16s for audio)	10.15–10.30
Parenting and substance misuse: Part 1	Parenting and substance misuse P8 N8 Adults who misuse substances H10	30m	10.30–11.00
Break		15m	11.00–11.15
Parenting and substance misuse: Part 2	Impact of substance misuse on parenting capacity E9 G9 Addiction and dependence H15	60m	11.15–12.15
Assessing motivation and willingness to change: Part 1	Assessing motivation and willingness to change P18 N18	30m	12.15–12.45
Lunch		60m	12.45–13.45
Assessing motivation and willingness to change: Part 2	Assessing impact of substance misuse E20 G20 Henderson/Miller/Taylor family case study F2.0 Claire Henderson's story F2.1 M2.1 audio Darren Miller's story F2.2 M2.2 audio Michelle Henderson's story F2.3 M2.3 audio Troy Taylor's story F2.4 M2.4 audio Susan Miller's story F2.5 M2.5 audio	45m (2m 49s) (2m 58s) (1m 51s) (3m 09s) (2m 25s)	13.45–14.30
Working effectively with substance misusing parents	Working effectively with substance misusing parents P23 N23	30 m	14.30–15.00
Break		15m	15.00–15.15

Session theme	Materials/Activity	Duration	Sample timing
Improving parenting capacity	Improving parenting capacity E30 G30 Evans family case study F1.0 Fiona Evans' story F1.1 M1.1 audio Steve Evans' story F1.2 M1.2 audio Liam Evans' story F1.3 M1.3 audio Shireen Evans' story F1.4 M1.4 audio Lewis Evans' story F1.5 M1.5 audio The motivation to change H8	45m (3m 46s) (2m 16s) (2m 07s) (2m 24s) (2m 22s)	15.15–16.00
Q&As, evaluation and close		15m	16.00–16.15

Research and links

Publications

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Tools and resources

Assessing families in complex child care cases using The Family Assessment (training course)
<http://bit.ly/GVpmcQ>

Assessing parenting and the family life of children (training course)
<http://bit.ly/17yoH7P>