

**Safeguarding Children Information Update
Conference Roundup: Updated 26th May 2011**

S-xual Abuse: An Evidence-Base to Improve Safeguarding Children

8th June 2011 Plymouth £90

This event will focus on s-xual abuse and the development of evidence based practice to improve the safeguarding of children.

Safeguarding continues to have a high profile in the media and in particular, s-xual abuse, demonstrating the need to continue our efforts to strive for excellence and be pro-active in the protection of children. DeaLing with safeguarding issues inherently creates high anxiety for professionals working with children, and this conference aims to improve knowledge and skills in relation to the s-xual abuse of children.

<http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/pages/dynamic.asp?page=events&eventID=5984&showEvent=1>

Voices Together: Shaping the Future of Foster Care

11th June 2011 London £35 - £80

This conference will focus on the work of local foster care associations, which provide peer support for groups of foster carers. It will bring together foster carers, fostering services, local councillors and young people to share knowledge and develop an effective national voice to shape the future of foster care.

The conference will cover topics such as how local foster carer associations provide effective peer support, plan and run successful campaigns, and support work with fostered children and the sons and daughters of foster carers.

The event will also play host to the launch of the Stronger Voice Awards. This is an opportunity for local foster care associations to recognise and reward those who have played a key role in their success. Awards will be made in four categories – foster carers, fostering service staff, local councilors and young people.

<http://www.fostering.net/media/2011/voices-together-shaping-future-foster-care>

Preventing CSA - Making it Everyone's Business

14th June 2011 Birmingham

This conference aims to explore some of the key issues surrounding CSA:

- Female s-xual abusers – facts and fiction
- Internet offenders – how the internet is used as part of s-xually abusive behaviour
- Children and young people who display worrying s-xual behaviour
- Developing a comprehensive framework to prevent CSA

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/files/BIRMINGHAM%20-%20Child%20Sexual%20Abuse%20Training%20Day%20Brochure.pdf>

National Summit for Preventing Infant Death

15th June 2011 London £25 - £40

The FSID and Metropolitan Police are hosting this Summit to consider how to reduce infant death. As Child Death Overview Panels have been in existence for some years, the work undertaken in local areas has naturally progressed to considering how to prevent child deaths. Emerging information on infant deaths has already been used to run a number of local campaigns. The conference will look at those most at risk and how to target messages at them. It will also consider the value of joint agency working across voluntary and statutory organisations, as well as considering how we can work with minimal budgets.

The conference will look at three main areas:

- Identifying and engaging with the most vulnerable families;
- Multi agency working to target advice; and
- How to make prevention work.

By the end of the day attendees will have:

- An understanding of key at-risk groups for infant death and ideas on how to target them;
- An awareness of the importance of multi agency working in prevention;
- An insight into how a successful public health campaign can be constructed.

<http://fsid.org.uk/page.aspx?pid=894>

Child Sexual Exploitation: Prevention, Protection and Prosecution through multi-agency approach

15th June 2011 London
£199 - £399 + VAT

This conference will examine how public sector agencies comprising Social Care, Education and the Police can work together to effectively prevent abuse, protect victims and prosecute perpetrators.

Attend this conference to:

- Understand what constitutes abuse in the 21st century
- Examine triggers and indicators that a child is being groomed
- Reduce the potential for convictions to be derailed and minimise impact on victims by improving multi-agency approaches to disclosures, risk assessments and best evidence interviews
- Hear how to work with denial: Working with resistant victims
- Benefit from examples of how to effectively support victims and their families to minimise trauma
- Learn how to embed a multi-agency approach in your LSCB

http://www.communitycareconferences.co.uk/cse?cp=EMC-SCCON_CSE1_20110329

Child maltreatment in the UK - An opportunity to reflect on the findings of the first major study on child cruelty for 10 years

21st June 2011 London

Research by the NSPCC raises concerns that the vast majority of abused and neglected children are not getting the vital help they need - either from statutory services or informal support networks in the community.

This conference will:

- provide detailed information on the study
- provide an opportunity to reflect on the research findings and apply them to local practice in a multi-agency context
- bring together key representatives from children's services
- explore how the key findings can help you to improve services for children.

Further conferences are to be held in:

Northern Ireland – October 2011

Wales – November 2011

Scotland – February 2012

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/cpconferences/child_maltreatment2011_wda81712.html

Care Proceedings: Understanding and Developing Practice

24th June 2011 Birmingham £140 - £205

This conference focuses on care proceedings and their outcomes. It will:

- present findings on the current operation of care proceedings under the PLO from the ESRC funded Parents' Representation Study (2011).
- look at alternatives to traditional court when parental substance misuse is a key factor
- present findings from the '*Care Pathways and Outcomes Study*' and highlight differences when parental substance misuse is implicated in the case.

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/events-national.php>

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/files/BASPCAN%20JUNE%2024%202010%20CONFERENCE%20FLYER%20FINAL.doc>

CSA Event

24th June 2011 Ashton-under-Lyne £15-£55

This event will explore practice-based issues with experienced clinicians and practitioners and will consider the need to maintain our values in the face of appalling child abuse.

<http://www.basw.co.uk/events/child-sexual-abuse-event/>

Adoption and fostering - What's the evidence on health and outcomes

27th June 2011 Birmingham

£135 - £205 + VAT

This conference will examine the latest research, audit results and innovative practice to increase understanding of health needs and to enhance outcomes for looked after and adopted children. Presentations will consider some of the most significant issues affecting the health and well-being of looked after children, including neglect, emotional and mental health difficulties, exposure to parental substance misuse, approaches to supporting parents and carers, and decision making processes within social care. In addition, best practice affecting various subgroups ranging from unaccompanied asylum seeking young people to infants and those in parent and baby placements will be considered.

For professionals from different disciplines to be able to work together effectively to improve health outcomes, they must understand background factors affecting health before children enter care as well as the impact of various factors within the care system, such as multiple placements, decisions made by those with responsibility as corporate parents, and how health services and interventions are delivered.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/node/3237>

Kids Company No Bulls*t Conference - What STILL Matters to Every Child
28th June 2011 London

This conference will look to share our learning with colleagues and bring to you cutting edge understanding of the effects and implications of maltreatment during childhood.

The day will be a blend of contemporary theory and practice about emotional crisis in children and young people. A wide selection of speakers are confirmed from the fields of neuroscience, mental health and education.

For more information, a full programme and prices, contact Yvonne Siegel

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<http://www.kidsco.org.uk/professional-development>

Delivering positive outcomes through Early Intervention in Child Protection

28th June 2011 London

£199 - £399 + VAT

The early development years of 0 – 3 are crucial when it comes to developing emotional and social skills. Following the recommendations from the Early Intervention Review, the Munro Review and C4EO's report Grasping the Nettle, Community Care are pleased to announce our one day conference on Delivering Positive Outcomes through Early Intervention in Child Protection.

This event will provide case studies demonstrating the challenges and opportunities in supporting children and practical guidance on how multi-agency teams can work better together, this one day event is packed full of demonstrations of effective outcomes delivered with reduced budgets.

This event explores:

- Where funding will come from for early intervention
- The development of better assessment techniques
- What constitutes normal child development
- Protective Parenting to aid parents in understanding the emotional needs of the child
- How front line workers can better recognise what constitutes inappropriate sexual behavioural development
- Achieving a stable placement for a child earlier on in their development

<http://www.communitycareconferences.co.uk/earlyinterventions2011>

Engagement v Delay

The issues and dilemmas of working with families whilst keeping 'the child in mind'

7th July 2011 Cardiff £69 - £137 + VAT

Balancing the rights of birth family members with the need to ensure decision making for young children is undertaken in a timely way can be a complex and demanding task. We aim through this conference to strengthen the professional judgement of all those involved in care planning for children.

It brings together material research by Harriett Ward, Rebecca Brown and their team who confirm that delay in decision making has a harmful effect upon a child's emotional, behavioural and educational development.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/node/3341>

Working With Vulnerable Teenagers: Addressing Substance Misuse, Self Harm and Suicide

8th July 2011 Bath

£140 - £205

This conference will seek to explore and address how professionals can work constructively with teenagers to minimise the risks they face from their presenting behaviours and vulnerabilities, including substance misuse, self harm and the increasing numbers of suicides in this age group.

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/booking.php>

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/booking.php?event=9>

Safeguarding Looked after Children: Getting it Right

12th July 2011 London £199 + VAT

This conference is aimed at all professionals whose work brings them into contact with looked after children. More than 60,000 children and young people are under LAs in England. Statistics show children in care tend to have worse outcomes than their peers in term of physical health, mental health and education.

Topics to be covered include:

- Overview of NICE/SCIE guidance: the implications for practice and commissioning
- a comparison of outcomes for looked after children who go home and those who do not & a review of existing services
- Trauma, resilience and mental health of looked-after children
- Commissioning and accessing mental health services in this economic climate – What works for Children in Care?
- The journey of a looked-after child
- Attachment and brain injury and how to undertake good assessments

<http://healthsafeguarding.com/news/safeguarding-looked-after-children-getting-it-right-12-july-2011/>

Family and friends care

14th July 2011 London £135-£205 + VAT

From April 2011 there is a requirement to implement new legislation including new Care Planning, Placement and Case Review Regs, new Fostering Services Regs and NMS, Statutory Guidance for LAs on Family and Friends Care, and Statutory Guidance on Securing Sufficient Accommodation for Looked After Children.

By 30/09/11 LAs will be required to publish a policy setting out their approach towards promoting and supporting children living with family and friends carers. This conference will assist in devising an effective policy, and help managers think through the content and implementation of such a policy.

This conference will:

- Support LAs to implement new legislation re work with family and friends carers
- consider good practice in relation to special guardianship and the assessment of family and friends carers
- look at learning from user experiences and from recent research
- consider issues relating to support groups, finance, and contact in family and friends care

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/training/allevents/2011-07-14t000000>

Getting it Right First Time: Early Intervention and Prevention

9th September 2011 Coventry £140 - £205

This conference will look at the latest evidence about effective intervention and prevention in the early years and for adolescents. It will draw together learning about proven programmes and innovation in practice, looking at effective targeting and outreach work and at building resilience in families and children.

It features keynote sessions by two of the leading experts in this field, with panel discussions and workshops making the link between evidence and practice.

This conference is a must for practitioners and policy makers from LAs and agencies in all sectors working with families and children ... from parents pre-birth to adolescents.

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/events-national.php>

National children and adults services conference

'Tough times, food decisions'

19th – 21st October 2011 London

£450 + VAT

Organised by the LG Group, ADASS and ADCS, this event is vital to councillors, directors, senior officers, policymakers and service managers with responsibilities for education, children's services and adult care in the statutory, voluntary and private sectors.

It is also an important opportunity for partners working in health, schools and related fields as well as MPs with an interest in social care, children's services and education. The programme will give many opportunities to hear keynote ministerial addresses and take part in plenary sessions. There will be a variety of participatory breakouts and networking sessions.

<http://www.ncasc.local.gov.uk/>