

TT11 Groupwork: Design the perfect safe, therapeutic space for a family who need shelter from domestic abuse.

Universal access to low/medium support for perpetrators (only available to court-mandated currently)

Options should not be limited. Families need choices and should not be forced to choose only one option eg. they can stay local or stay together etc

Assessments

Assess issues of causation and focused intervention

'Open-minded' assessments leading to specific needs of each individual/family

To have 'me/family' time to think before looking at 'future'.

Thorough assessment of need/want where all requirements looked at for whole family.

Safe in own home

Consideration of exclusion orders to enable victims to stay in their own home

Alternative Spaces

As close to 'normal' as possible

Individual accomodation 'Your Space'

Contact with others 'Communal Space'

Mixed refuges

Physically safe/ secure

Calming environment

Foster Families

Family placement option for victims and children

Self-contained accomodation to decrease dynamics between families

Therapeutic - Recovery-based

Systemic-Family Therapy

Safe to recover and to grieve

Safe to be yourself and accepted

Safe to learn how to parent after violence - more support from external agencies

Safe to think for yourself

Bereavement services for families and children

Consistent and Co-ordinated Services

Consistent level of support - incl. access to existing support

Holistic joined-up approach ie. interagency working

On-going support from original area

Good co-ordination with Services

Keep links open with all agencies

Responsive Services 'Team Around the Family'

More time and space given by agencies

Access to info which is understandable 'to all'.

Working with CULTURES within services

Continuity of support is vital

Refuge workers

Clinical supervision for refuge workers

Substance misuse training for refuge workers

Mental health training for refuge workers