

TT6: Comments and Suggestions

NEW SERVICES?

- For FRTs over 10s to support parenting group around attachment.
- There are not enough services to support children and families aged 6-10 who have issues with anger due to DA (difficulties at school and attacks on siblings).
- Parent group/ programme for parents (affected by DV) to help manage their YP behaviour (joint agency working)
- Monthly drop ins run jointly by DV services and other services (Family Wellness Drop ins?) - like FRT.
- Look at 'Break for Change' for 5-10 year olds.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Really useful training that has refreshed my knowledge.
- Need to keep DV on the social agenda specifically about 'The Impact on Children' and the part played in Serious Case Reviews.
- Children & Family Centres offer rooms for running of programmes (eg. Freedom Programme through Rise) and are very committed to the early intervention necessary to the work with children & families.
- When thinking about YP please be 'young carer' aware as many will be. Look to research by Children's Society and Princess Royal Trust for Carer's. Use Young Carer's as a resource.
- Many older children in families may be the significant attachment figure but need to be seen as young carers and appropriate support and services need to be involved to address this too.
- This seminar has helped me to 'think outside the box' in terms of how I can signpost my clients - children living with kinfolk who have challenging behaviours)
- We need to educate the courts/ judges and solicitors to better deal with DV issues in civil courts hearings eg. residency and child contact etc.
- advertising the Countywide IDVAs who will attend court gearings with victims of DV within private law court applications.

Use of CAADA questions to become part of Initial Assessment/ CAF form building?

HELPING PEOPLE WHO ABUSE

- Lack of interventions/ services for perpetrators. And for couples who want to address DV in their relationship
- More research/ services for male perpetrators of DV
- Perpetrator needs to be held to account for his actions and to know the effect his behaviour has on physical/ emotional well being of child
- We need to get comfortable with addressing the root cause of abuse - men.

IN SCHOOLS

- For schools to facilitate DA sessions/ lesson to encourage disclosures
- More work needed in schools where children feel safe
- More needs to be done to raise awareness generally in schools and amongst children to help remove the stigma of DV and for them to understand their own behaviours - set up as a voluntary/ parent run scheme in conjunction with the school.

TRAINING

FOR PROFESSIONALS

- To have a common procedure to provide info & maps within professionals inductions
- To make DA awareness mandatory training for all professionals who work with adults/ families/ YP and the community.
- DV Awareness to be part of WSCC Induction Training to include schools
- Strengthen and equip Children's Services & police to better handle DV referrals.
- Newsletter about domestic violence in WS