



Encouraging the voice of the child during Engagement & Assessment

Introduction

This course was specifically developed to meet the findings from 'The voice of the child: learning lessons from serious case reviews a thematic report of Ofsted's evaluation of serious case reviews from 1 April to 30 September 2010' (Ofsted, 2010).

This thematic report published by Ofsted 'highlighted the importance of seeing, observing and hearing the child' (The voice of the child: learning lessons from serious case reviews, 2010), which makes this course all the more valuable, relevant and unfortunately still current. Over the last few years empirical data from research still indicates that children & young people's views are often not included or considered enough during engagement and assessment with families. Children are often marginalised in decision-making and portrayed in a rather partial manner in assessment reports. Children's Services inspections have recently criticised the lack of recorded detail/evidence of the child's views on their situation & family life.

This course is really valuable for anyone working with children and young people and as part of their role they are required to write assessments or reports. The session will be tailored to a multi-agency audience.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course practitioners will be able to:

- Identify the background legislation supporting the views of the child
- Operate under effective principles for engaging with children & young people
- Apply enhanced skills to be able to listen to younger children & understand how practitioners 'silence' children's voices
- Document that the child's perspective is included within the assessment & decision making process
- Apply specific tools & approaches to encourage communication by the child (significant element of the course)
- Analyse ways of involving children with additional needs including speech, language & communication needs
- Identify how to appropriately & responsibly record the voice of the child in assessments

Audience	Youth, Sports and Culture, Social, Family and Voluntary Support, Justice and Crime Prevention, Health, Education, Early Years and Childcare, Business Support
Age Ranges	0 - 5 yrs / 5 - 7 yrs / 7 - 11 yrs / 11 - 19 yrs / 19+ yrs
Trainer	Ted Daszkiewicz

Start Date	Venue	Times	Event Code
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