

## ASSESSMENT

### Level 3

### A One Day Multi-Agency Training Event

It has been established that many families experience a number of difficulties. For example, a parent with a learning disability may also experience poor mental health and live in a violent relationship; a mother living with domestic violence may also be self-medicating and suffer from depression; a violent man may have a problem with alcohol. Practitioners need to understand how different disorders may interact, how coexistence may affect parenting capacity and how this may impede children's developmental progress. Greater priority should be given to providing specialist training targeted at practitioners both from children's services and from the many relevant agencies providing services for adults. (*Children's Needs - Parenting Capacity. Child Abuse: Parental Mental Illness, Learning Disability, Substance misuse and Domestic Violence; Cleaver et al 2011*)

### Who is it for?

All DSCP training promotes that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. As such this course is relevant for practitioners and managers across the range of adult and children's services and is for all practitioners who work with parents, carers, children and young people.

This course is suited for professionals who may be part of a multi-agency team such as a Team Around the Family.

### Aim

This course is designed to provide a framework for assessment and to give a range of tools to promote a better understanding of family strengths and difficulties.

### Objectives

#### By the end of the course attendees will:

- Be able to identify the purpose of assessment;
- Be clear about the multi-agency nature of assessment;
- Have knowledge of a range of tools to support good assessment;
- Be clear about chronologies and what constitutes a 'significant event';
- Understand what is required in relation to the child, parent and environmental factors within the assessment;
- Practice some of the key assessment and analysis tools of the Signs of Safety approach, e.g. safety and strength questions, harm matrix, danger statements, safety goals and scaling;
- Have knowledge of the 'Family Engagement Risk Assessment' tool when there are concerns about non-engagement.

## **Courses will be held on the following dates at venues across the County**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Friday 11 October 2019	9.30am-4.30pm	Meadowfield Depot, Industrial Estate
Friday 29 November 2019	9.30am-4.30pm	Meadowfield Depot, Industrial Estate
Thursday 23 January 2020	9.30am-4.30pm	Durham County Hall
Wednesday 19 February 2020	9.30am-4.30pm	Durham County Hall
Thursday 19 March 2020	9.30am-4.30pm	Meadowfield Depot, Industrial Estate

It is advised that participants have a basic awareness of safeguarding and knowledge of safeguarding processes before attending this course.

The completion of this training will support practitioners to evidence their continual professional development.

DSCP courses are locality based to give opportunities to network and build on effective working relationships. Therefore applicants, if possible, should select a course which is delivered in the area in which they work.