

A Learning Event

Tuesday 20 April 2010

A learning event: New insights into children and families' experiences of parental substance misuse

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This Children's Society one-day learning event will feature new research findings, new material from children and young people to inform practice and service provision, and discussion around current questions relevant to practice and policy on parental substance misuse.

The Family Life Project will present, for the first time, their end of study findings from the first longitudinal research into the experiences and understandings of children and young people affected by parental substance misuse.

This study involved a detailed exploration of children and young people's experiences of family life and family dynamics over time, aiming to benefit future interventions in the area of parental substance misuse and child welfare. In the afternoon delegates will have the opportunity to attend two workshops to explore key questions raised by the research, and to contribute to briefing papers on these issues.

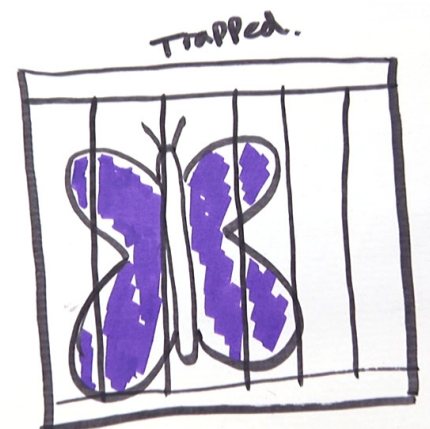
The Children's Society will also launch a new training and awareness-raising DVD resource, developed by the STARS National Initiative, to highlight children's perspectives on parental substance misuse. The £65 (+VAT) delegate fee will include a complimentary copy of this resource.

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This event is organised by The Children's Society STARS National Initiative – a hub of information, support and guidance on parental drug or alcohol misuse, and the impact it has upon children and families: www.starsnationalinitiative.org.uk



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Who should attend?

The event will be of interest to all professionals working with children, young people and families affected by parental drug or alcohol misuse, including:

- Practitioners
- Managers
- Commissioners
- Policy leads
- Trainers



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9.30	<u>Registration and Tea/Coffee</u>
10.00	Welcome from the Chair Elaine Hindal , Director of Campaign for Childhood, The Children's Society
10.15-10.45	Reflections of my life: launch of a new training and awareness-raising tool Anna-Joy Rickard, STARS National Initiative Coordinator, The Children's Society
10.45-11.00	<u>Tea/Coffee Break</u>
11.00-12.00	It's not just about me: Coping in the context of relationships Kathrin Houmøller, Sarah Bernays and Tim Rhodes, The Family Life Project, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
12.00-13.00	<u>Lunch</u>
13.00-14.15	<u>Workshop 1</u> a) Parents who use drugs: How can we create an environment for talk and support? b) Working with relationships: what can a family intervention look like? c) This is what can help me: what do young people want from services?
14.15-15.30	<u>Workshop 2</u> Workshops repeated
15.30	End

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