

Childhood Experience of Care and Abuse (CECA) Workshops

Information Pack and Workshop Timetable



Neglect

Physical abuse

Sexual Abuse

Psychological Abuse

Physical abuse

Thursday 8 May 2008



The aim of the workshop is to provide working definitions of child and adolescent physical abuse for social workers and psychologists involved with children and families. The assessment is based on the Childhood Experience of Care and abuse interview (CECA) - a standardised interview and scoring measure developed

in research work on childhood maltreatment in relation to mental health outcomes.

The workshop will examine research on maltreatment with specific focus on control and violence in the home—excessive discipline, physical abuse, parental discord and parental violence. These will be examined in relation to family risk factors such as poverty, parental separation, and mental health problems. Issues of bullying outside the home will also be addressed. Attendees will examine case study material of physical abuse including a DVDs of an adult interview. Practice in rating severity of physical abuse and domestic violence will be provided. Implications for practice will be discussed in full.

The workshop will explore indicators of physical abuse and other family violence. The relationship of abuse to disciplinary practice and family conflict will be examined. Assessment of physical abuse in practice child Safeguarding contexts will be discussed in full.

Workshop leaders will include Prof Antonia Bifulco a research psychologist with extensive experience of assessing child maltreatment in research studies and main designer of the CECA, Geraldine Thomas child psychotherapist and expert on assessing maltreatment in children and Sue Skrobanski, lecturer on child protection and freelance trainer in standardised assessment tools in child protection.

Workshop timetable

9.30	Coffee
10.00	Introductions
10.15	Presentation: 'Research Findings on physical abuse in childhood'.
11.00	Coffee break
11.15	Measuring physical abuse- Adult Interview (DVD) Interview questions and rating severity
12.15	Rating vignettes of physical abuse & family violence (group work)
1.00-2.00	LUNCH BREAK (lunch not provided)
2.00	Impact of violence on children and adolescents
2.45	How to use the Physical assessment in practice
3.15	Open discussion
4.00	End