

FAMILY RIGHTS GROUP TRAINING

A one day course on:

PARENTAL ADVOCACY IN THE CHILD PROTECTION PROCESS

The trainers are experts in the field of child care law who will bring to the day their extensive experience of advising and advocating for families.

26th November 2008, 9.30am - 4pm, London

VENUE: London (tbc)

COST: £150 (£120 for FRG/FGC Network members)

RSVP: To guarantee a place please RSVP before **7th November 2008**

The law and processes relating to child protection are complex. Supporting parents faced with this system can be daunting for many reasons.

This **intermediate** level course will use case studies to look at when and how a local authority can be involved in the lives of families. It will consider the duties and responsibilities of children's social care agencies. The course will also consider best practice in providing parental advocacy. This course will help those providing parental advocacy to improve existing practice, and help those who have not yet provided advocacy to prepare for this role.

By the end of the course we hope that you will be more able to support parents whose children are involved with children's social care. And will be better equipped to build effective partnerships with the local authority.

By the end of the day participants will:

- Understand at what point a Local Authority has to get involved in a child's life, what the local authority should do, and what can happen to the child.
- Have a clear understanding of what *significant harm* is defined as.
- Be clear about the responsibility of the local authority to work in partnership with parents
- Understand the duty of the Local Authority to consider other family members for placement of the child if he or she can't go home
- Have considered the framework for professional parental advocacy, including confidentiality policy, independence, specialist knowledge and non-confrontational style.

Who should attend:

Anyone advocating for parents who have involvement with children's social care services, and will therefore be attending child protection conferences.
e.g. MIND, MENCAP, FWA, voluntary sector drug and alcohol workers, as well as CAB advisers and others working in community settings.

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N.B. We assume basic level of knowledge of LA statutory duties in relation to safeguarding children, and recommend prior attendance at our introductory course.

BOOKING FORM

Please photocopy this booking form and return to:

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**This course is available
for you to commission us
to deliver in your area**

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY. TO GUARANTEE A PLACE RETURN BEFORE 7TH NOV.

IF YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A DISCOUNT PLEASE TICK THE CATEGORY THAT YOU FALL UNDER:

FRG member

FGC network member

Name

Job title

Organisation

Address.....

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Post Code.....

Telephone No.....

Email.....

Billing address (for invoice).....

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Method of payment (delete as appropriate) *cheque made payable to FRG Ltd / Please invoice*

Any special requirements (i.e. dietary / sight / hearing / access)? YES NO

If yes, please specify assistance required

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If you are unable to attend this event, would you like to be sent information on similar events in the future?

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