



Newcastle Local Safeguarding Children Board
and Fathers Direct
in association with
Children North East Fathers Plus

invite you to
an important strategic event

Engaging Fathers Conference

on Friday 5 October 2007

Magpie Room, St James Park
Newcastle upon Tyne

Working Effectively with Fathers to Safeguard Children: A Local Conference

This one day conference will examine the challenges and opportunities of working with and supporting fathers and to highlight examples of good practice. The event will look at important issues such as men and child protection services, engaging black and minority ethnic men, and engaging young and non-resident fathers.

Attending this conference is a great opportunity to hear about innovative projects that are successfully engaging and working with men. They will share the secrets to their success, identify the challenges they faced and how they overcame them, and highlight how their work has directly improved the wellbeing of the children in their care.

Who should attend?

- Children and Families Social Workers
- Fostering and Adoption Social Workers
- Sure Start professionals
- Children's Centres professionals
- Family Support Workers
- Social Workers working with adults
- Child Protection Social Workers and team managers
- Anyone in health, social care, charities or the voluntary sector working with adult men or children



Conference Fee

The cost to attend the conference is £50 to organisations who **financially** contribute to the work of the Newcastle Local Safeguarding Children Board. Organisations who do not contribute will be expected to pay a fee of £75.00 per person. Any queries please contact Mary Bartram, Training Administrator on 07967 760711 or e-mail mary.bartram@nhs.net

How to apply

To book your place please complete the attached booking form and forward together with the booking fee to the address at the bottom of the form.

If for any reason you are unable to attend, please advise Mary Bartram, Course Administrator on as soon as possible so the place can be offered to someone else.

Please read the guidance notes at the end of the flier.

Programme for the Day

09.30 Registration

Chair's introduction

Helen Cavanagh, Transformational Change Lead, Children's Services

10.05 Safeguarding Children in Newcastle

Catherine Fitt, Executive Director Children's Services

10.10 Engaging with fathers in children's services

David Bartlett, Services Manager, Fathers Direct

10.35 How Father Inclusive are Children's Services in the North East?

Roger Olley, Head of Service, Fatherwork Children North East

11.00 Coffee

11.15 Lessons from the Young Dads Project, Sure Start Plus Sunderland

Charles Thompson and young dads (to be confirmed)

11.45 – 12.45 WORKSHOPS

12.45 Lunch

1.45 Working effectively and safely with men in children's services

Speaker to be confirmed

2.15 – 3.15 WORKSHOP REPEATS

3.15 Coffee

3.30 Panel Discussion and Debate

3.50 DVD Presentation

4.10 Chair's closing remarks

4.15 Close of conference

Choice of Workshops

Choose from:

A) Supporting and engaging non-resident fathers

Steve Eales, Sunderland Child Contact Centre

- Addressing the needs of non-resident fathers
- Positive activities to support their relationships with children
- Supporting Co-operative parenting post-separation

OR

B) Engaging young fathers systematically

Jenny Midwinter and John May, Education Leeds

- Equipping young fathers with parenting skills
- Going into schools and health services to engage with young fathers
- Creating social networks for young dads

OR

C) Engaging black and minority ethnic fathers in children's services

Neil Solo, Project Manager, BabyFather Initiative

- Young BME men's transitions into adulthood
- What are the experiences of BME fathers?
- Working in partnership with BME men and women to support positive fatherhood
- Mainstream and specialist services for BME fathers and men

OR

D) Successfully engaging fathers in positive activities

Heather Harkin and Sean Dooney, Ferryhill and Chilton Sure Start

- How to achieve and sustain fathers' engagement in activities
- Engaging men in different circumstances
- Working in partnership – Statutory services, Children's Centres and the voluntary sector
- Reducing Stress, aggression and violence



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BOOKING FORM

Course title:	Engaging Fathers Conference
Date:	Friday 5 October 2007
Time:	Registration 9.30 am
Venue:	Magpie Room, St James Park
PERSON DETAILS	
Name:	
Agency and Job Title:	
Full Contact Address: (Please include post code)	
E-mail address	
Contact Number:	
Line Manager's Name, contact details and signature If not completed will not be processed	
Special Requirements: (<i>dietary, communication aids, access etc.,</i>)	
Cheque, Cost code or invoice arrangements (If applicable) Must be completed by staff	

Please return this form to:

Mary Bartram, Training Administrator, Children's Safeguarding Standard Unit, Sheriff Leas Social Services, Springfield Road, Blakelaw, Newcastle upon Tyne NE5 3DS E-mail mary.bartram@nhs.net Tel. 07967 760711

Guidance Notes

Charges for attendance

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Cancellations

Individuals who are booked to attend a course, who are then unable to attend, must cancel their booking as soon as they become aware of this. A substitute can take their place, but must be made known to the course administrator on tel no. 07967 760711.

The booking fee is non refundable for anyone who does not attend the conference and did not cancel his or her place. Cancellations must be received within 24 hours of the course start date, although will be accepted on the morning of the conference for those professionals who are ill or have other extenuating circumstances, which have been approved by their line manager.

Booking and allocation of places

Line managers or supervisors of all delegates must agree to them attending the course and sign the booking form. Unsigned forms will be not be processed.

If payment is required a training cost code, invoice number or cheque payment must be included with or on the booking form. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

A selection process takes place following the closing date for bookings. Places are allocated to ensure a diverse group of professionals attend each course and formal confirmation is sent out in writing two weeks prior to the course date. (Delegates are advised to make a make a note of the date of the course they have applied for in their calendar/diaries to ensure they are available to attend the course).

Data Protection

Under data protection legislation, we are required to inform individuals about the information we hold about them. Please note that we keep names and work addresses on a computerised database for the purposes of monitoring organisational training levels .In addition we keep hard copies of application forms and course evaluation forms for up to one year after which they are destroyed. If you would prefer this information is not kept, please inform the Training Administrator on 07967 760711.

Please do not attend this conference without receiving a letter of confirmation