

WORKING WITH ISSUES OF CHILD NEGLECT

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

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This online Working with Issues of Child Neglect course aims to help all practitioners working with children understand the impact that neglect has on a child's life.

The course looks at how children can be affected by neglect, from pre-birth through to adolescence, and raises awareness of some of the potential indicators to look out for that may suggest neglect is a child protection issue. The course also explains the best practice in responding to any safeguarding concerns that may be present in relation to child neglect.

Module One: Introduction

This module looks at what is known generally about neglect, highlighting the Khyra Ishaq case and showing how neglect can be a safeguarding concern.

- What is known about neglect?
- Neglect and child fatalities
- Khyra Ishaq

Module Two: Defining Neglect and its Impact on Children's Lives

This module explains the Working Together definition of neglect and uses case studies to show how neglect may present itself in real life. The module explains the impact neglect can have on a child's life, from before birth through to adolescence.

- Defining neglect
- Case studies
- Understanding neglect
- Recognising the impact of neglect
- The impact on brain development
- Other consequences
- Neglect and adolescents

Module Three: Recognising the Warning Signs of Neglect

This module outlines some of the warning signs to look out for that may indicate a child is being subjected to neglect, covering all of the main categories of neglect indicators.

- Warning signs of neglect
- Physical indicators
- Behavioural indicators
- Developmental indicators
- Parental indicators
- Environmental indicators
- Case study

Module Four: Best Practice in Responding to Concerns

This module outlines the best practice in responding to any safeguarding concerns in relation to child neglect and uses several case studies to outline how neglect can become a child protection issue.

- When does neglect become a child welfare concern?
- When does neglect become a child protection issue?
- Case studies
- Factors that may increase risk
- Responding to issues of neglect
- Case studies
- Best practice in responding to neglect
- Practice tips

Module Five: Further Resources

This module is a short directory of the books, documents and websites that provide further information on the subject of child neglect.

Aims of the Training

This course will help you to:

- Understand what is meant by the term 'neglect'.
- Consider what the impact of neglect may be on a child.
- Understand the risks associated with neglect.
- Recognise the warning signs that a child may be neglected.
- Understand how to respond effectively to concerns that you may have.