

Working with Addictions in Child and Family Work

Course Description

This 1 day workshop will focus on working with addiction in child and family work. Alcohol and other drug problems may have a strong influence on the clients' level of participation and motivation. The workshop will give a brief overview of theories of addiction; the different drugs most commonly used and the signs and symptoms of each; alcohol addiction and will overview the continuum of recreational, problematic & addictive drug use. The workshop will also focus on skills and strategies for child and family workers to use when these issues present.

What you will learn

- theories of addiction
- making a drug and alcohol assessment
- conceptualising addictions and developing hypotheses
- some clinical interventions
- signs and symptoms of common drug use

Who is this course for?

Child and family workers/counsellors working in the field, who have sound clinical skills and are wanting to integrate the theory and skills of working with addictions into their current practice. A good working knowledge of systemic theory would be beneficial.

Your trainer: **Cassie Howse** MAPS, Bsc, MA (Psych)

Cassie is a registered Psychologist specialising in Couple and Family Therapy with over 13 years experience. Cassie has worked as a therapist and clinical supervisor for Unifam and in private practice. Cassie predominantly trains in the areas of Couple and Family Therapy, working with children and young people as well as clinical supervision.

Cost (GST inclusive) \$220

Time: 9:30am to 4:30pm

Dates 2012: Wednesday 28 March at Parramatta

To register, download a form from www.ifp.nsw.edu.au , email info@ifp.nsw.edu.au or call (02)8830 0755 or 8830 0747