

Family support: everybody's business?

Supporting families affected by drugs and alcohol within the new commissioning and service delivery environment

Thursday, 15 March 2012

Central London

NCVO, Regents Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, London, N1 9RL

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Key themes

Family support has many different interpretations, depending on your professional background, interest, work setting or policy area. Ask any group of practitioners and policy makers what family support means and you will get a range of replies.

The importance of families in a substance user's recovery has been increasingly recognised and drugs and alcohol services are beginning to respond to the challenge of providing support for families, not just as vehicles to deliver recovery, but as carers with needs in their own right. Parental substance misuse can compromise children's futures and so practitioners working across all sectors and in a wide range of services need to have the knowledge, skills and understanding to deal with a specific problem within the spectrum of overall provision for troubled families.

Alongside the increasing recognition of the importance of families, 2011 presented a period of unprecedented change in the commissioning and service delivery environment. The acceptance of the importance of families within a number of agendas has often led to confusion as to how local areas and services are best to provide support to an undefined number of families in need.

Adfam's conference will give you the opportunity to step back and consider how best to support families affected by drugs and alcohol within the new landscape. It is more important than ever that we all work together to meet the needs of families.

Who should attend

Policy makers and practitioners from:

- Health
- Social care
- Drugs/alcohol services
- Children's services
- Education
- Criminal justice

By attending this conference you will:

- broaden your understanding of what constitutes 'family support' when drugs and alcohol are key features
- hear from an expert panel of speakers
- have the opportunity to share your questions, thoughts and concerns about key issues in this area

About Adfam

Adfam is the national umbrella organisation promoting and supporting the needs of families affected by substance misuse. Established by the mother of a drug user in 1984, it now has around 2,000 supporters drawn from the social, health, drugs/alcohol, criminal justice and families sectors, and still maintains its strong links with local community voluntary groups providing peer support.

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Programme

10:30am **Chair's introduction and context of the day**
Vivienne Evans OBE Chief Executive, Adfam

10:45am **Should we all be parenting differently? The role of parenting in determining drug and alcohol use in adolescence**
Jamie Bartlett Senior Researcher, Demos

11:15am **What is 'early' intervention?**
Kathy Evans Deputy Chief Executive, Children England

11:45am **Break**

12pm **The impact of social deprivation on families' resilience against drugs and alcohol**
Alison Garnham Chief Executive, Child Poverty Action Group

12:25pm **Troubled families programme** (tbc)
Louise Casey CBE Director General, Troubled Families Team, DCLG

12:50pm **Lunch**

1:30pm **Panel Debate – Family support: everybody's business?**
Chair: **Edward Stourton** Broadcaster
Panel members:
Dr Katherine Rake OBE Chief Executive, National Family and Parenting Institute
Martin Barnes Chief Executive, DrugScope
Debbie Lindsey Chief Operations Officer, Blenheim CDP
Eric Appleby Chief Executive, Alcohol Concern

2:45pm **Break**

3:00pm **Supporting families in the criminal justice system**
Debbie Cowley Chief Executive, Action for Prisoners' Families

3:25pm **Inter generational drug use**
Karen Biggs Chief Executive, Phoenix Futures

3:45pm **Closing remarks**

4pm **Finish**

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Conference fee £87.00 for Support+ subscribers or £95.00 non-subscribers.
Includes lunch and refreshments.

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