

SUPPORT TO CHILDREN WITH PARENTS WITH SUBSTANCE ADDICTIONS



Brief description:

The main aim is to give trainees new insights into how to assess and improve the situation of vulnerable children in families with parents with substance addictions. The training provides knowledge about child development (including recognizing abuse) and basics in (non-verbal) communication between adult professionals and children. Effective ways to (re-)build families' cohesion are discussed, to help parents in strengthening their responsibility as main caregivers and in confronting and coping with their substance abuse. The training also focuses on strategies to improve cooperation between child protection services. Case study management, goal setting and the use of family network approaches are all given attention.

Duration: three training sessions of minimal three days each (9 days in total)

Course Contents (non-exhaustive):

- Roles, responsibilities and competences of the childcare professionals
- Problems and issues children face whose parents struggle with substance addictions
- Resilience
- Individual, solution focused, work with families (including assessment, goal setting , action planning and coaching)
- Family network conferencing and other social network strategies
- Safety planning with families at risk
- Intervention and Supervision
- Case management

For: Staff from social services, local authorities, international and national NGOs/CBOs, psychologists, social workers, educators, community workers.

