Hope for Children and Families

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Working with Children: Emotional and Traumatic Responses

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Context : The organisational climate in Birmingham

- Considerable scrutiny from Ofsted inspections
- Political pressures
- Restructuring into integrated Family Support and Safeguarding Teams
- Serious Case Reviews
- Birmingham is the largest local authority in Europe with a population of 1.74 million people
- The original pilot was scheduled to start in September 2013

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Birmingham Pilot

- Structured Pilot Commenced January 2014
- Focussed on Chinnbrook Family Support and Safeguarding Team
- Included Training and Practice Workshops
- Additional support from Lucy Faithful Foundation

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Initial concerns for Practitioners

- Have I got the time to take something new on
- How creative can I be
- Pick and mix what if I pick the wrong tool
- Am I competent enough to do this
- What's my role, what are my boundaries
- Am I expected to be a champion I don't know enough about it
- What if I get it wrong
- Will my practice will be under public scrutiny

We would now like to demonstrate the strengths of HOPE

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Emotional and Traumatic Responses

- Developing a Child Centred Approach
- Describing and Monitoring Feelings
- Exposure to Maltreatment
- Coping with Disruptive Behaviour

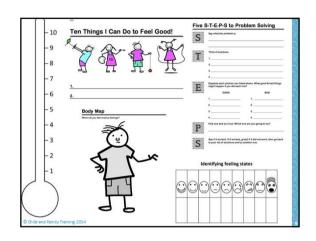
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Birmingham's Experience of this module

- Can be adapted to setting, context and role
- Interventions Tools are easy to use
- Importance of supervision
- Child Focussed

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Module in Practice Overview of Family Engagement All About Me 24 Hour Clock Safety Planning



Strengths of HOPE

- Provides evidence based interventions
- Enables the voice of the child to be visible and central to processes
- · Ensures consistency of practice
- Clearer Focus to assessment and planning and reviews

"I have used some of the Hope Worksheets with three young children that I am working with between the ages of 6-10 years old. These are around identifying feelings, 24 hour clocks, emotions this is due to concerns around neglectful parenting.

I have found these very useful and they have helped me identify safeguarding concerns using a planned intervention which would assist us if a Child Protection plan is initiated. They are very child friendly and I will continue using the intervention in my work with this family."

Helen (Senior Family Support Worker)

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