

Children First, Child Protection Training



“While the role of parents is to protect their children, society also has a duty to promote the welfare and safety of children. Everyone should be alert to the possibility that children with whom they are in contact may be being abused or at risk of being abused. They should know how to recognise and respond to the possibility of abuse or neglect, so as to ensure that the most effective steps are taken to protect a child and to contribute to the ongoing safety of children” (Children First, 2017 p.02)



Overview

Children First 2017 states clearly that child protection is everyone's responsibility.

This training is suitable for anyone working directly with children and young people.

This aim of this training is to equip participants with the skills and knowledge that are necessary to deal with child protection issues in line with Children First 2017 guidelines, Children First Act 2015 and the Child Care Act 1991.



Method

The course will involve presentation, case studies and group exercises.

Duration: 1 Day

Start Time: 10am - 4.30pm

Group Size: Max 16



Materials

Participants can avail of Barnardos *Protecting Children, A Child Protection Guide for Early Years and School Age Childcare Services* (4th Ed) resource.

Participants receive a Certificate of Attendance.



Outcomes

Participants will be able to:

- Recognise their legal responsibilities in relation to Child Protection
- Explain the definitions of abuse
- Identify the signs and indicators of abuse and neglect
- Describe how to respond to a disclosure
- Identify the main elements of the:
 - Child protection & welfare report form
 - Retrospective abuse report form