



IMPLEMENTING & UNDERSTANDING EARLY INTERVENTION/HELP - COMMON ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK (CAF)

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Aims of the session:

This session aims to provide a basic awareness of **one** of the key processes in Integrated Working - the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and the practice implications for Early Years settings, providers and professionals.

It underlines the importance of working together and **integrated working** which will give practitioners an understanding of the aims, purpose and principles of the CAF and how it can be used to meet children's' needs more effectively at an earlier stage.

The session will prepare workers to understand the process of early interventions/help and the CAF process within the local authority.

The training will develop understanding, knowledge and skills of how services work together to safeguard and meet the needs of children and families earlier including the importance of effective record keeping and information sharing.

Objectives of the Session:

- ❖ To understand and review the background to CAF - where has it come from?
- ❖ To understand the rationale for the CAF/Early help and how it fits in with integrated working
- ❖ To cover the aims of and principles underpinning the CAF/early help
- ❖ To develop an understanding of how to undertake a CAF/early help assessment
- ❖ To consider the impact of the CAF/early help on early year's settings and providers including child minders and consider relevant practical scenarios
- ❖ To discuss the issue of consent and understand "Information Sharing"
- ❖ To have a basic awareness of the lead professional role and the shared roles and responsibilities of partnership working
- ❖ To consider barriers we may face that can impact partnership working
- ❖ To be understand the process and protocols of the LSCB
- ❖ To review local services of support and where to seek guidance

Learning and development throughout the session will include a mixture of

- ❖ Case studies
- ❖ Group work
- ❖ Discussions
- ❖ Power point slides
- ❖ Hand-outs



Capacity

This course is suitable for up to a maximum of 20 delegates and is delivered over 1 x 3 hour session.