

Dynamics of Sexual Abuse Workshop New Zealand



Type of intervention



Classroom setting



Group Work

Target group/s, level/s of prevention and sub-group/s:



Primary prevention

Young Adults (18-20 Years), Adults (21 Years +) | Male & Female | Classroom Setting, Group Work | English

Target population

Professionals working with children and families; particularly any professional who may have to act or respond to a child at risk.

Delivery organisation

The Dynamics of Sexual Abuse Workshop is delivered by the charity Child Matters, in New Zealand.

Mode and context of delivery

Child Matters is New Zealand's specialist provider of child protection related training and professional development. Child Matters believes that training and education is key to reducing child abuse. The Dynamics of Sexual Abuse Workshop is a targeted one-day workshop aimed at professionals working with children and families to provide them introductory level information to identify and respond to child sexual abuse.

Level/Nature of staff expertise required

Facilitators are professionally trained by Child Matters to deliver various Child Protection Workshops. Workshop facilitators often have a professional background in child protection.

Intensity/extent of engagement with target group(s)

This one day workshop runs between 09:00 and 16:00.

Description of intervention

Child Matters is a registered charitable trust dedicated to preventing harm to children in New Zealand. Child Matters provides guidance, advice, education and support to those in a position to act to protect children. The training and education programmes delivered by Child Matters provide adults with essential skills to intervene when a child needs help.

The Dynamic of Sexual abuse Workshop includes:

- a definition of sexual abuse
- signs and symptoms
- effects
- myths associated with sexual abuse and sexual offenders
- the joint Child, Youth and Family (NZ equivalent of Social Care) and Police approach to responding to allegations of sexual abuse
- grooming behaviours
- legislation relating to sexual offending and grooming
- managing disclosures of sexual abuse
- working with adult allies

The specific topic areas are:

- what is involved in child sexual abuse
- how sexual abuse affects children both in the long and short term
- some of the ways to recognise signs in children of different ages
- child sex offenders
- myths associated with child sexual abuse

This workshop aims to provide introductory information to professionals on how to identify and respond to child sexual abuse.

Evaluation

Child Matters training is endorsed by the NZQA regulatory body, who rated Child Matters training as 'excellent'.

References

<http://www.childmatters.org.nz/194/child-protection-training/workshops/workshop-topics>

<http://www.childmatters.org.nz/198/child-protection-training/workshops/workshop-topics/dynamics-of-sexual-abuse>

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