

FREE DRUGS TRAINING PROGRAMME

Prevention & Intervention Training Programmes for Youth Support Workers and Personal Advisers in Dudley

- To address vulnerability with drug use issues in the 13-19 population.
- To increase practitioners knowledge of drug issues and develop their intervention approaches.
- To increase availability of substance advice and information to young people through the range of Youth Support Services working with young people.
- To offer early intervention and more positive choices to young people to support change and development.
- To improve referral pathways into drug treatment services and community support services in Dudley.
- To improve effective key working and networking to access community support services in Dudley.

The training package aims to provide practitioners with effective drug prevention and intervention techniques to enable them to provide appropriate information, advice, guidance and educational activities for young people.

The programmes are based upon the application of skills to the context, setting and needs of young people. The training will build on and enhance current skills and approaches for practitioners to develop existing work and increase the capacity for intervention and support work with young people who are vulnerable, at risk or using substances.

All programmes are being offered across the Dudley borough to all practitioners working with Young People. All programmes have been mapped against DANOS units.

Training will be provided by experienced facilitators from HIT (Liverpool) and DAT Training Unit (Wolverhampton).

PROGRAMME LEARNING OUTCOMES

Gone to Pot - HIT (1 day)

Venue: Saltwells EDC, Bowling Green Road, Netherton, Dudley.

Dates: 23rd September 2008 (Booking form deadline – 23rd August 2008)

OR

24th September 2008. (Booking form deadline – 24th August 2008)

Cannabis is the most used illicit drug in Britain and the first illegal substance that young people are likely to experiment with. The debate over cannabis has raged for over a century and opinion is as polarised as ever. In the face of high levels of use and reclassification under the law, this course provides comprehensive information on cannabis and considers some important questions, such as: How can we educate young people about the consequences of cannabis consumption? Are harm reduction interventions appropriate with cannabis users? What interventions should we provide to young people who have problems associated with cannabis?

Learning objectives:

- To understand the historical, cultural and social significance of cannabis
- To explore the effects, risks and harms associated with using cannabis
- To examine changes in the law and how this will affect working with young people
- To consider effective interventions with young cannabis users

This course supports the following DANOS Units:

- AA1 – Recognise indications of substance misuse and refer individuals to specialists
- AA2 – Relate to, and interact with, individuals
- AB2 – Support individuals who are substance users
- AC1 – Reflect on and develop your practice
- AD1 – Raise awareness about substances, their use and effects

Programme:

09.45	Registration and Coffee
10.00	Introduction & What do I know about Cannabis? A self-assessment exercise
10.30	The History, Pharmacology, Effects and Culture of Cannabis
11.15	Break
11.30	Cannabis use: Methods; Prevalence; Risks and Consequences; Law; Legal Responsibilities; Reducing cannabis-related harm
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Interventions: Working with young cannabis users; Harm reduction; Cessation of use
15.15	Break
15.30	Review and Evaluation
16.00	Action Planning
16.30	Close

Parental Drug Use & Young People – HIT (1 day)

Venue: Saltwells EDC, Bowling Green Road, Netherton, Dudley.

Dates : 7th October 2008 (Booking form deadline – 7th September 2008)

OR

8th October 2008. (Booking form deadline – 8th September 2008)

Parental drug use and especially problem drug use, is a highly charged issue. The UK national drug strategy identifies the children of drug-using parents as a group vulnerable to drug use. Many professionals have to make difficult decisions about how to respond and how best to protect young people whilst supporting families. This course identifies good practice and policy in the assessment of parental drug use and the provision of support to young people and families.

Learning objectives:

- To clarify attitudes towards drug-using parents
- To improve knowledge around parental drug use and its implications for young people
- To enhance competence in assessing and supporting young people and parents
- To raise awareness of issues relating to multi-agency working with confidentiality
- To identify policy issues and good practice.

This course supports the following DANOS Units:

- AA1 – Recognise indication of substance misuse and refer individuals to specialists
- AB6 - Support individuals to deal with relationship problems
- AB7 – Provide services to those affected by someone else's substance use
- AC1 – Reflect on and develop your practice
- AF1 – Carry out screening and referral assessment
- AF2 – Carry out assessment to identify and prioritise needs

Programme:

09.45	Registration and Coffee
10.00	Introduction
10.25	Issues and attitudes to parental substance misuse
10.45	Different agency perceptions of parental substance use Tensions, Conflicts and Solutions
11.15	Break
11.30	Drug using parent's perspectives of services
12.00	Assessment of families where parental drug use is an issue the S.C.O.D.A Guidelines
12.30	Lunch
13.15	Introduction to the Assessment Framework for Children in need and their families – Assessing parental capacity to respond to children's needs
14.00	Case studies
15.00	Break
15:15	Good practice and policy in supporting drug using parents and their children
16.05	Action planning
16.20	Evaluation of the day
16.30	Close

Sorted – Wolverhampton DAT (3 days – attendance at all 3 days required)

Venue: Saltwells EDC, Bowling Green Road, Netherton, Dudley.

Dates : 8th, 15th & 22nd September 2008 (Booking form deadline – 18th August 08)

OR

11th, 18th & 25th November 2008 (Booking form deadline – 21st October 08)

Wolverhampton Drug Action Team Training Unit aims to provide learners on the Sorted Drug Intervention and Training Programme with an opportunity to explore and further develop their understanding of Young People and substance misuse. Additionally, the Sorted Drug Intervention and Training Programme enable learners to develop substance intervention skills for use with Young People.

Learning objectives:

- The exploration of the cognitive approach to understanding substance misuse utilising Motivational Interviewing strategies and techniques.
- The development of substance misuse intervention skills using MI strategies.
- The examination of a range of suitable exercises/activities to be able to be appropriately implemented with Young People.
- The review of personal learning and development needs.

The Sorted Drug Intervention and Training Programme links to DANOS competencies:

AA1; AA2; AA3; AA4; AA5; AB1; AB2; AB3; AB5; AB6; AB7; AC1; AC2; AC3; AC4; AD1; AD2; AD3; AD4; AF1; AF2; AF3; AG1; AG2; AG3; AI1; AI2; AI3; AJ1; AJ2; AK1; AK2; BA3.

BOOKING INFORMATION

There will be 20 places available per programme date; these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please complete and return the booking form to the Learning and Development Team at Black Country Connexions to secure your place.

Telephone bookings will not be accepted.

Participants will be expected to request authorisation and endorsement from their employing organisation to attend and submit a booking form.

All cancellations must be in writing by the booking form deadline. Substitution may be made at any time. An administration fee of £25 will be charged for a no show. All bookings will be confirmed in writing upon receipt of your booking form.

There will be expectation on the individual attending the course to collect and provide data on interventions with Young People. For more information contact Audrey Heer at Audrey.Heer@dudley.gov.uk

ANY OTHER QUERIES: Rachel Gill or Steph Thomson - 0121 502 7400