

Working with Fathers and Male Carers Learning Hub Newsletter: February/March 2023

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The Hertfordshire Learning Hubs

The Learning Hub is an important two-way feedback loop between front line practitioners and the Strategic Safeguarding Partnership/Board, ensuring learning on priority local issues is shared and acted on at all levels in a timely way.

The Learning Hub in February/March 2023 are on the Working with Fathers and Male Carers and are aimed at all professionals working with children and families.

1. Dates/times for Learning Hubs

All sessions will last for 2.5 hrs, with a comfort break.

20 February 2023 2pm to 4:30pm

23 February 2023 10am to 12:30pm

22 March 2023 2pm to 4:30pm

28 March 2023 2pm to 4:30pm

30 March 2023 10am to 12:30pm

Please visit our [website](#) to make a booking

2. The Trainers

The Fatherhood Institute

The Fatherhood Institute's vision is a society that gives all children a strong and positive relationship with their father and any father-figures; supports both mothers and fathers as earners and carers; and prepares boys and girls for a future shared role in caring for children.

3. Working with Fathers and Carers

Sessions will include:

What fathers do (or don't do), matters to children.

Fathers have a huge impact on their child's development, attainment and education, whether or not they know it, and services are well placed to ensure this is a positive legacy, yet father-engagement in children

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and family services still remains 'ad-hoc', with many fathers missing out on the support available.

This seminar looks at the role fathers play in their child's development, how to help them to explore involved fatherhood and why this is sometimes overlooked in service provision. Participants will explore latest research and evidence base and develop strategies to engage with fathers in their day-to-day work.

The session will include:

- Exploration of the framing of fatherhood, including stereotypes, beliefs, assumptions, and embedded practice
- The evidence on Fathers impact on children, on mothers and how fatherhood impacts on men themselves, including mental health, hormonal shifts, aspirations, and experiences of accessing services.
- Examine the key components of 'Father-Inclusive' practice, learning from case studies and seeking systematic engagement.
- Identify opportunities to identify and support fathers within your own service.

4. Additional Reading and Resources

Participants will receive research evidence briefings, tools for assessing their own father-engagement, tips for inclusion and links for further reading and resources.