

DURATION: This is a one day course

NUMBERS: Maximum 20 Participants

TARGET AUDIENCE: Social Work Practitioners.

RATIONALE: *Permanence is about providing the child with a sense of security, continuity commitment and identity a secure stable and loving family to support them through childhood and beyond.* (DCSF 2010). The right of every child to belong to a family is underpinned by the 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Children Act 1989 states wherever possible a child should be brought up within their own family, the 'Ideal family' being birth parents or members of their extended family, the permanency planning process will explore all the options thoroughly.

AIM: The aim of this one day course is to give an overview of the statutory basis for permanency planning and to provide the participants with comprehensive knowledge of the current policy, procedures and research in relation to permanency planning.

OBJECTIVE: For participants to be confident in their knowledge and skill base to develop permanence plans for children that maximise outcomes for the child and their family.

LEARNING OUTCOMES: At the end of this course the participants will be able to:

- Understand the developments in the legal framework for permanence planning for children.
- Apply research in relation to permanence planning and specifically in assessing the type and levels of contact between children involved in the permanence planning process and the significant people in their lives.
- Analyse the voice of the child and how the views of children influence the permanence planning process to maximise the outcomes for the child.

- Evaluate the importance of the Child's Permanence Report containing an analysis of the arguments for and against each permanence option and a fully reasoned recommendation as stated in *Re B-S*.

Trainer Biography -

Jo is an experienced Social Worker, Manager and Social Work Academic in Children's Social Care. Jo has extensive experience of training in Children's Social Work both pre-and post-qualifying levels. Her courses are of the highest quality and re enriched with examples from her vast experience across the Children's Social Care.