

REGISTRATION FORM

To be completed and returned to EDACT
by 17th February 2006 at: 1 Cromac Quay, Belfast, BT7 2JD.
Telephone: 028 9043 4248

Costs for the seminar are as follows:

Voluntary/community representatives £10
Statutory/private sector representatives £15

Cheques should be returned with the registration form and should be made payable to EHSSB. Refunds will not be made for cancellations giving less than 24hrs notice.

Name—
Organisation—
Address—
Tel—
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Special requirements (if any)—

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Parallel sessions in the afternoon will include workshops on Family Therapy, Problems Faced by Drug-using Parents, Impact of Parental Substance Misuse and other related topics. Participants will have the opportunity to choose which of the parallel sessions they want to attend when registering on arrival at the seminar.



BREAKING THE CYCLE

Meeting the needs of substance misusing parents and their children

28th February 2006
Stormont Hotel, Belfast



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This is EDACT's 5th Annual Seminar and will focus on the issue of parental substance misuse. This issue was highlighted in the report "Hidden Harm – Responding to the needs of children of problem drug users" (2003), produced by the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs.

The Child Protection and Family Support Joint Strategic Planning Group within the EHSSB have established a subgroup in partnership with EDACT to look at the interface between Child Protection Services and Drugs and Alcohol Services; this seminar will inform the work of this subgroup over the next three years.

The seminar will explore how best to meet the needs of substance misusing parents and their children. Those attending the seminar will be invited to participate, through the parallel sessions, in exploring the issues surrounding parental substance misuse and in identifying effective, evidence-based approaches to this problem.

This year's seminar is held in partnership with EHSSB Children's Services Planning.

PROGRAMME

9.00—9.45 Registration

9.45—10.10 **Hugh Connor, Director of Social Services, EHSSB**
Hugh has worked in Personal Social Services for over thirty years, with lengthy spells in management in both N&W Belfast and S&E Belfast Trusts before taking up his current post as the Director of Social Services at the EHSSB in December 2002.

10.10—11.00 **Andy Taylor, University of Plymouth**
Andy Taylor worked as a practitioner in the field of criminal justice, drugs and alcohol for 16 years, as well as working as a trainer and specialist Practice Teacher. He has taught in a range of subject areas including substance misuse. He has published in the fields of drugs, alcohol, and the impact of substance misuse on child welfare.

11.00—11.50 **Rhoda Emlyn-Jones, Option 2, Cardiff**
Rhoda Emlyn-Jones is the manager of the Option 2 service in Cardiff. Option 2 is an intensive intervention programme, aimed at keeping together families in which the parents have a problem with substance misuse and there is a danger of the children being taken into care. Option 2 won a national award in 2001 for its unique and innovative work with families in crisis.

11.50—12.10 Coffee

12.10—1.00 **John Devaney, Social Services, EHSSB**
John has worked in the voluntary and statutory sectors as a youth worker and as a social worker, and has held positions in both adult and children's services in the UCHT. He joined the EHSSB in September 2004 as Principal Social Worker. Between 2001 and 2004 John held a Research Fellowship at the Queen's University Belfast where he completed a doctoral research study on chronic child abuse.

1.00—2.00 Lunch

2.00—3.00 Parallel Sessions

3.00—3.20 Coffee

3.20—4.00 Plenary