



SaFa® Training (1) - RISK ASSESSMENT IN ACTION: The art of judging risk in child protection

A SaFa® training workshop, on 28 April 2016

The SaFa training series is underpinned by Encompass' special expertise in working to help create **safer families**, able to meet children's and young people's needs for safety, security and self-worth. The shared theme of each of the SaFa training sessions is relationship as the medium for building the capacity of families to be **safer families**, even if unable to care full-time for their child or young person. Safety assessment and risk assessment in the context of working with families are important parts of the necessary skills-base. The SaFa training series are stand-alone workshops, with benefits to be gained by attending all three sessions. SaFa (1) focusses on assessment.

Risk assessment is a foundation skill for effective child protection practice, underpinning all decisions about safety and support. This comprehensive workshop uses evidence-based knowledge to develop participants' understanding of the concepts central to risk assessment in contemporary child protection practice. Beyond a core understanding and skills-base in child protection, this workshop challenges participants to examine how they apply knowledge in practice. Practical exercises, using frameworks which reinforce good quality assessments, enable participants to increase their competence in making comprehensive assessments and defensible decisions.

The course content is consistent with Queensland's legislative framework and current cross-sector response system. Statutory officers responsible for initial assessment and intervention services will benefit, as will workers in community based services, including Family and Child Connect, Intervention Family Support (IFS) and RAI services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Recognised Entities, alternative care and reunification services, and Health CPLO's. Both experienced workers and those newer to the field will benefit.



This workshop goes beyond the basics, to examine:

- ◆ Understanding and applying the concepts of harm and likely future harm
- ◆ Essential assessment skills—avoiding common errors in risk assessment
- ◆ How to apply knowledge in practice in risk assessment including presenting the evidence to support assessment outcomes
- ◆ Frameworks for making judgments at different decision-making points in the child protection process
- ◆ The differences between professional judgement and decision-making, and how to clearly articulate each
- ◆ Accountable recording of assessments and decisions, and the skills in recording for defensible practice

Next scheduled

When: 28 April 2016

Time: 9.30 – 4.00

Place: Quality Airport International Hotel, Kingsford Smith Dve, Hamilton

Cost: \$220

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