



WORKING WITH BLACK AFRICAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TRAINING COURSE

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2009

AFRUCA – Africans Unite Against Child Abuse is the premier charity promoting the welfare of African children in the UK.

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the next session of our popular training course on: **Working with Black African Children and Families**

Date: Thursday 8 October 2009

Time: 9am – 4:00pm

Venue: Manchester City Centre

Delegate Fee: £60.00

Target Group: All staff working with children and families.

Course Description

This specialist training course is designed to enable teachers and others working in the education sector develop a stronger working knowledge of clients from African backgrounds and the key role that culture and religion can play in child upbringing in many African communities. It will assist participants to assess and examine some cultural and religious practices within different African communities and the impact on parenting styles and child safeguarding. Participants will work to identify strategies to promote better safeguarding of children in their schools and to intervene positively in families where there are child protection concerns based on the influence of cultural practices and religion. This course will also assist in identifying key strategies to better engage families in order to safeguard vulnerable children.

This course will be of particular interest to school leaders and other school staff with designated safeguarding and pastoral responsibilities, learning mentors, link education welfare officers, educational psychologists and other children's services professionals who are linked with schools. Participants will benefit from a variety of training methods and materials to help stimulate learning and enrich their knowledge of key issues.

Course Objectives:

- Examine the twin issues of religion and culture, what they mean to you as practitioners and how these can influence your work with African children and their families
- Understand the significance of culture and religion in the lives of African families and the impact on parenting styles and child upbringing
- Identify strategies to better engage families in order to safeguard vulnerable children
- Gain an increased skill level and confidence in working with African children and families

Course Facilitation

Debbie Ariyo will lead a team of AFRUCA trainers to facilitate the programme. She is Founder and Executive Director of AFRUCA. AFRUCA has vast experience advising agencies across the UK on child safeguarding issues. We have worked with many practitioners dealing with African children and have facilitated many training courses for local authorities and other children's charities and their staff on a variety of issues confronting African children and families. AFRUCA is a highly rated organisation with specialist knowledge of issues in working with African children and their families in the UK.

Feedback from AFRUCA training participants

'The course was very interesting and is a must to gain insight into African culture, which is a huge help when working with families'

Verna Plummer – Advisory teacher, Black Achievement

'The topics discussed and presented were so interesting – I would have had questions lined up for another 2 days, longer...'

Dr Birgit Westphal – Child Psychiatrist

'The training was very informative & thought-provoking. I enjoyed the energy of the trainers'

LB Southwark staff

Course Booking and Registration

To book your place at the training, please complete attached booking form and return to us at AFRUCA. Email: training@afruca.org or fax to us on: 0844 660 8661 or 0207 704 2266. You can also download this training information and the booking form on our website at www.afruca.org