



WORKING WITH FAITH TO SAFEGUARD AFRICAN CHILDREN TRAINING COURSE

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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 Faith to safeguard African Children

Date: Tuesday 20th October 2009

Time: 8:45am – 4:00pm

Venue: Central London

Available Delegate Spaces: 25

Course Fee: £60.00

Target Group: All staff working with children and families.

Duration: One Day

Aims: This course will enable front-line practitioners develop their working knowledge of the role that faith and religious beliefs can play in parenting and child rearing within different African communities, the implications on child safeguarding, effective intervention as well as assessment.

Course Description

This training course is designed to enable those working closely with African children to develop a stronger working knowledge of clients from African background and the key role that religion can play in child upbringing in many African communities. It will assist participants to assess and examine some religious practices and their impact on parenting styles and child safeguarding. Participants will work to identify strategies to promote better safeguarding of African children and to intervene positively in families

where there are child protection concerns of abuse related to the influence of religion. This course will also assist in identifying key strategies to better engage faith leaders in order to safeguard vulnerable children.

Outcomes

By the end of the course participants would have:

- Examined the notion of religion and the role it plays in child rearing and parenting among many BME communities
- Discussed the link between culture and religion and the impact on child safeguarding in the UK
- Explored strategies to enable better intervention in families where there are child protection concerns based on belief and religious practices
- Explored the role that faith organizations can play in helping to safeguard children from abuse.
- Discussed how to harness the skills of faith organizations to enable effective intervention in families where there are child protection concerns based on beliefs and religion.

Course Facilitator

Debbie Ariyo is Founder and Executive Director of AFRUCA. Debbie has a vast experience advising agencies across the UK on child safeguarding issues. She has worked with many agencies and has designed and 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. She is a highly rated, experienced trainer 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

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