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Child to Parent Violence (CPV) Parent Group

10 weekly NVR group sessions for adoptive parents of children and young people presenting challenging, destructive and violent behavior

Participants and their families can also attend follow-up support groups and workshops

For Adoption Counts adoptive families

Parents will be taught Non Violent Resistance (NVR) to help empower, build communication skills, self-care support and reduce violence.

In addition to the 10 weekly NVR group sessions, each participant can attend 2 follow-up Support Groups, a Shame workshop and participant's families can attend a Related by Adoption workshop.

*To get the most out of
the course, participants need
to attend in full.*

*If referring a two parent
family, it is also important
that both attend
all sessions.*

*Price: £1,500 plus VAT
Book: www.pac-uk.org*

Dates for the 10 weekly NVR group sessions:

Thursdays 10.30am – 12.30pm
Luther King House, Brighton
Grove, Manchester, M14 5JP

January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
February 7, 14 & 28
March 7 & 14

Follow-up Support Groups
March 28, **May** 2

Related by Adoption workshop
March 21 10.00am – 2.00pm
Shame workshop
April 4 10.30am – 2.00pm

Participants will learn to:

- Take a firm stance against violence
- Hold back from physical or verbal violence
- Increase positive presence in your child's life
- De-escalate conflicts
- Break the cycle of shame and silence
- Make changes in relating to your child in the long term
- Reduce distress for parent and child
- Feel more in control
- Recruit and use supporters
- Enjoy the benefits of being part of a group

Feedback received from our CPV Parent Groups:

'There has been no advice as valuable as the ideas and delivery of this course, even if some of it feels alien – hang on in there.'

'Exceptionally good, knowledgeable and experienced course facilitators. Every adoptive family needs these people. Top marks.'

If you have any questions about this group please contact Jo Mitchell, Regional Manager (North)
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The facilitators

Lisa Wisher, Social Worker, Psychotherapist and Trainer –

Lisa has been delivering a variety of mental health courses, domestic abuse and attachment and trauma courses for over 13 years. She regularly delivers training for PAC-UK and Adoption UK.

She is also a qualified Mental Health First Aid instructor and a national trainer for Mental Health England. She qualified as a social worker in 1990 and began her career working with looked after young people and then in Acute and Rehabilitation Mental Health Services.

Following this she moved into the voluntary sector where she was Director of Manchester Brook Advisory and was then appointed as Associate Director of Health Improvement in the NHS. After completing her CIPD Learning and Development Qualification she then qualified as a Psychotherapist.

Dawn Oliver, NVR Practitioner and NVR Parent Graduate –

who has 'been there and got the t-shirt.' Dawn has an MSc in Psychology (Child Development) and languages (BA Hons Modern Languages) background. She has worked in charities and schools supporting children with Special

Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents. Dawn has theoretical knowledge and personal experience in the fields of autism, adoption and person-centred approaches. She is a mum to 4 children, one of whom is on the autistic spectrum and another who is adopted. Dawn

has completed professional training in Non-Violent Resistance and is now delivering training to parents of children with SEND in schools. She is also co-facilitating trainings for adoptive parents run by PAC-UK. She has also trained and uses AIT.

Sarah Huntington is a Child and Family Therapist –

Sarah is a BSc in Psychology and is registered as a graduate member with BPS. Sarah has been working with children and families on home-based play focused programmes for children with autism since 1998. She has worked extensively

with looked after children for 10 years in various settings and has a special interest in Life Story Work exploring issues around identity and attachment. Sarah has spent time with care leavers researching the importance of Life Story Work and wants to fill the gap in accessing good training and

resources to aid those working with children in this area. Sarah delivers direct Life Story Work with children – she also holds a post 14 teaching qualification and delivers training courses she has written on Life Story Work within organisations such as Social Services.

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