



Training event for teachers, social workers and other professionals working in adoption and permanency



The adopted child in school

Who should attend

Teachers, social workers and other professionals working in adoption and permanency

Trainer

Helen McConnell is an experienced teacher. Having completed a BA in drama and a post graduate teaching qualification she taught in secondary schools for seven years. Helen has worked across the field of education with pupils in secondary and primary as part of transition schemes and nurture groups, working with children with a wide range of abilities and needs. Since joining PAC-UK in 2015 Helen has worked passionately as part of the education team to raise awareness of adoption based difficulties in education, and worked with schools and families to provide support and evidence based strategies to meet the needs of young people of permanence struggling in education.

A child with a history of trauma, loss and attachment difficulties may find many school tasks and the whole school environment challenging and confusing. It can be difficult for professionals in schools, and elsewhere, to appreciate the impact that traumatic early experiences, as well as the transitions from a birth family to one or more foster families and then to an adoptive family, may have on the child's overall development. The last year has presented further challenges due to the pandemic and the subsequent series of school closures and –re-openings; the latter have left some children with additional anxieties around school, as well as a lack of progress in cognitive and social skills.

This workshop is a **must** if you want to understand the needs within a school setting of children who have experienced early trauma, including Looked After and Adopted children.

Helen McConnell will use her experience of working in schools as a teacher, as well as her experience in the field of adoption and other forms of permanency to include many practical strategies that will help you respond to these children's needs.

VIA  zoom

Date

Wednesday
19 May 2021
10.00am – 1.00pm

Fees

PAC-UK subscribing local authorities:

Professionals: £98 plus VAT
(£117.60 in total)

PAC-UK non-subscribing local authorities:

Professionals: £116 plus VAT
(£139.20 in total)

Benefits of attending:

In this workshop, professionals will gain an overview of:

- Early experiences and their effects on children's attachments
- Trauma and its effects on children's brains
- How children with early trauma and attachment difficulties may present at school
- Strategies to support adopted pupils in school

As professionals working with children, you will also have the opportunity to find out more about:

- Developing the role of the key worker
- Teaching self-regulation
- Supporting with peers and social skills
- Supporting through play
- Supporting at times of transition and change

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