



CHILD PROTECTION WORKSHOP “Creating a Safe School”

About the Workshop:

Schools play a key role in the lives of children, and those who are working in schools are in a unique position to notice if something isn't right with a child. It is vital to be able to recognise physical signs and behavioural indicators that children may be living with abuse or neglect.

Also we all need to know what to do if they are worried about a child, where to go to get help and have the confidence to take appropriate action to protect children.

This workshop focuses on creating a safe school environment by providing participants with the tools and knowledge to protect children in their care.

"I think that this course would be of enormous benefit to other beginning teachers or teachers in general. Our training in no way prepares us for the realities we face in the line of work we do. We are often a first port of call and our action or inaction can have huge consequences.

When I am now faced with situations I feel more reasoned and able to look at all possible explanations before making a balanced and informed opinion." **Teacher, Te Awamutu**

Length: 1 Day, 9am - 4pm
(Maximum of 30 participants)

Topics Covered:

- The concept of vulnerability and factors that contribute to vulnerability, risk and child abuse.
- The context of child abuse in New Zealand.
- The different types of child abuse and neglect.
- The indicators and signs of child abuse and neglect.
- The Vulnerable Children Act and implications for Schools.
- The importance of effective Child Protection Policies, procedures, and safety check requirements for schools.
- Collaborative approaches to child protection.
- The impact of child abuse on educational outcomes.

This workshop will involve small and large group discussion, lecture and case studies.

Participants are also encouraged to share their ideas and experiences.

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