

# Assessing Sibling Groups



## Presented by Louis Sydney

This one day training is for Social Workers, Psychologists and other professionals involved or interested in Assessing Sibling Groups for placing in foster care or for adoption. The training will include current research and methodology and is informed by a developmental, attachment, trauma and neuro-scientific approach to the assessment process.

Importantly, the training will address and aim to simplify complex issues such as whether siblings should be placed together or apart, how to better evaluate the necessary match for a sibling group and what strategies can enhance family and sibling group relationships.

The day's programme will include:

- The necessity for an attachment, trauma and neuro-scientific based approach to inform assessment & planning
- Assessing the attachments of sibling groups
- Evaluating the nature and quality of the sibling dynamics
- Reflective function and how it informs the matching process
- Facilitating the transition from foster care to adoption
- Establishing a safe and secure environment
- The impact of schools on a sibling groups long term well being
- Identifying appropriate plans of therapeutic intervention
- 10 things that contribute towards a more contented sibling group
- The 10 things that may contribute towards a placement disruption
- How parents hold the key to siblings well being

By the end of the training, participants will:

- Feel more able to apply an attachment, trauma and neuro-scientific approach to Assessing sibling groups
- Have a better understand on how to evaluate sibling dynamics
- Gain a number of Assessment tools to use in the Assessment of siblings

- Have an enhanced understanding on how to establish a safer and more secure base for children and their families
- Be more able to identify and respond to potential 'blind spots' and hazards when placing sibling groups
- Be able to ensure that the historic, current and future development of each child and sibling group is held in mind in a model of well being

**Suitable for:**

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**About the Trainer**

**Louis Sydney** is a Child and Adult Psychotherapist and Specialist Adoption Consultant who has been working with children and families for over twelve years. He has training in Theraplay, DDP, Somatic Experience and Story Stems and a Diploma in Supervision from the Gestalt Centre.

Louis Sydney Co-authored "*Facilitating Meaningful Contact in Adoption and Fostering – A Trauma-informed Approach to Planning, Assessing and Good Practice*" (2014)

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**Adoptionplus, Moulsoe Business Centre, Cranfield Road, Newport Pagnell, MK16 0FJ**

**9.30am – 4.30pm**

**£140 + VAT per person (£168 inc VAT)**

**Lunch and refreshments are included**

**For further information or to book please call Alice Hollingdale on 01908 218251 or email [alice.hollingdale@adoptionplus.co.uk](mailto:alice.hollingdale@adoptionplus.co.uk) or visit [www.adoptionplus.co.uk/training](http://www.adoptionplus.co.uk/training)**

