



CHILD PROTECTION STUDIES PROGRAMME

“NZQA LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN CHILD PROTECTION”

About the Programme

The Child Protection Studies Programme is an NZQA accredited Level 3 course. Delivered by Child Matters, it provides students with a broad base of skills and the confidence to act effectively when children or young people are at risk.

Children rely on adults to identify and respond to their needs and to make appropriate decisions about their safety and wellbeing. This course aims to contribute to the prevention of child abuse and neglect by promoting the rights of children through child-centred practice and advocacy. This course provides students with the skills and confidence to be strong advocates for children.

The purpose of the Child Protection Studies Programme is to enhance the skills of those who are involved with children and young people by giving them the knowledge and confidence to take positive action to protect children and young people. The Child Protection Studies Programme leads onto the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection. Graduates of the diploma often go on to become the leaders and upskill people on child protection in their communities and workplaces, raising the skills of their entire community in child protection and advocacy.

Who should enrol?

The Child Protection Studies Programme is suitable for anyone who works with and/or cares about children and young people, including:

- Those who are new to the field and want to establish a sound understanding of child protection.
- Those who have a responsibility or role in the safety of children and/or young people.
- Managers and leaders responsible for policy development and the safety and wellbeing of their workers.

Topics Covered:

- Understanding the nature and causes of child abuse.
- Understanding the effects and symptoms of child abuse.
- Recognising and Responding to child abuse, including how children are protected under NZ legislation.
- Protecting children, networks and supervision, including a number of professional guest speakers from your community.

Length: 5 Days, 9am-4pm

Location: Please refer to our website

Cost: \$750 + GST per person

Child Matters works hard to raise funding to offer you a subsidised price. Without this, the usual cost is \$1,795 + GST.

Limited to 22 people

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Content:

Understanding the nature and causes of child abuse:

It looks at child abuse in New Zealand today and in the past, and examines the changing views towards it and explores some of the possible factors that can lead to children being abused. This module encourages students to identify situations that may put children at risk. It also considers child abuse in the wider context of institutions, society, and the impact of culture

Understanding the effects and symptoms of child abuse:

This is an emotionally challenging module. The signs and symptoms of all types of child abuse will be described and illustrated. The module examines how child abuse affects children and their families and the legacy it leaves.

Recognising and Responding to child abuse:

The module looks at a wide range of behaviours so learners will be able to determine which behaviours are acceptable and which are abusive. They will identify which situations should be checked out and appreciate the danger of making assumptions. Students will examine their own judgments and personal reactions.

This module is also concerned with the steps to be taken to ensure a child is safe, and the need for the concerned person to involve other people. It stresses the importance of reporting, the consequences of not reporting and provides ways of recording information in order to make the decision to report.

You will examine the legal implications of reporting child abuse, and the statutory responsibilities that agencies have in this regard. It is particularly concerned with how children are protected under the Children Young Persons and their Families Act 1989, and the Care of Children Act 2004. The reporting policies of individual organisations will also be discussed.

Protecting children, networks and supervision:

This module explores some of the outcomes of a report of child abuse and the effects and events that the family may experience. Students are encouraged to explore ways that they might support families to ensure that the most positive outcomes are achieved.

Workers involved with cases of child abuse must ensure that they make adequate provision for their own supervision and care of themselves. These issues are examined in this module. It emphasises the importance of working in a multi-disciplinary way and networking with other agencies.

Guest speakers:

The programme is supported by a number of specialist child protection guest speakers who will present throughout the course, these are:

- Doctor trained in sexual abuse care
- Child Youth and Family
- NZ Police
- Lawyer for Child
- Supervision expert

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