



Alcohol Concern

Making Sense of Alcohol

Alcohol Concern recently set up a new project on children, families and domestic violence/abuse called Embrace, which has been funded by the Big Lottery Fund for the next three years.

The need for this project emerged from previous work that Alcohol Concern carried out on its Parenting and Alcohol Project. We will work in close collaboration with the Mental Health Research and Development Unit at Bath University, as well as with the University of Warwick, Adfam and the Stella Project.

Embrace aims to develop alcohol services' capacity to work more effectively with children and families and to address issues of domestic violence/abuse, by enabling them to

- improve their ability to make risk assessments and care plans involving children and families
- develop more 'family focused' services
- build closer partnerships with their local communities, including Children and Family services and organisations concerned with domestic violence.

Alcohol Concern is offering

- access to free training from experts in the field
- support in building capacity and partnerships, including relationships with commissioners
- support from other services facing the same challenges

The project is limited to eight pilot sites. We are particularly interested in agencies that work predominantly with people from BME communities.

If you are

- a non-statutory alcohol service
- not currently doing formal work with children and families or on domestic violence/abuse
- willing to participate in the action research process for the next two years

and are interested in taking part in this ground breaking work, please contact jhunt@alcoholconcern.org.uk to receive an application form. Deadline for return of completed application forms is **11 September 2008**.