

WOMEN'S AID

Two-Day Training for National and Local Frontline Services Best Practice in Woman and Child Protection in the Context of Domestic Violence

This 2-day training is suitable for staff, volunteers and board members looking to enhance individual and/or organisational understanding of and responses to the issue of domestic violence.

Why Attend the Training?

Domestic violence awareness training is important for all service providers to enable them to understand the dynamics of violence against women and children, and to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to respond appropriately to individual cases.

The link between child abuse and domestic violence has been clearly established, with domestic violence being a very common context in which child abuse takes place. As recognised by *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children*, exposure to domestic violence in itself is a form of emotional abuse and as a risk factor for neglect, with detrimental effects to children's well-being.

The aim of this two-day training is to support best practice in woman and child protection in the context of domestic violence. The following topics will be explored:

- Dynamics of domestic violence;
- Forms of abuse used by perpetrators against women and children;
- Short- and long-term impacts on women and children living with abuse;
- Barriers in accessing support and protection;
- Effective engagement that prioritises the safety of women and children;
- Supporting the non-offending parent in line with Children First Guidelines;
- Risks involved in engaging with the perpetrator and key practice considerations; and
- Referral options for women and children affected by domestic violence

About Women's Aid

Women's Aid is a leading national organisation that has been working in Ireland to stop domestic violence against women and children since 1974. We work to make women and children safe from domestic violence, offer support, provide hope to women affected by abuse and work for justice and social change. Our Direct Services for women experiencing domestic violence underpin and inform all of our work to end domestic violence. For more information, please visit: www.womensaid.ie

Important: Please note that the training may not be suitable for anyone currently experiencing, or who has recently experienced, domestic violence. If you have any questions or concerns about participating in the training, please feel free to contact us. You will be put in touch with a trainer who can provide you with more information on the training content.

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