

SUE PENNA ASSOCIATES

## RISK ASSESSMENT IN DOMESTIC ABUSE A MULTI AGENCY APPROACH

*This course is designed for any member of staff who may come into contact with family's experiencing domestic abuse. However it may be of particular significance to staff who are actively involved in all or any part of the risk assessment process.*

*There are two components to this training taking place over two days. All delegates for **Part two** must have completed **Part One** or at least one days domestic abuse/violence awareness raising covering the areas that are offered in **Part One** of this training. Please discuss with the organizers if you have any doubt about your or a member of staffs previous training experience*

### **PART ONE** (Day 1)

#### **Topics covered will include**

##### **Overview of domestic abuse/violence statistics**

*A review of contemporary statistics concerning domestic abuse/violence*

##### **Development of abusive relationships**

*Drawing on research of studies with prisoners of war and torture victims to illustrate the development of the abusive relationship.*

##### **How women risk assess.**

*Experiential exercises to demonstrate the ongoing risk assessment process that women live with*

##### **How domestic abuse/violence impacts on children**

*The statistics, the psychological and physical effects*

##### **What children say.**

*Home Truths, video from Leeds Interagency Project*

##### **What can we do?**

*Legal recourse, Police, Women's support agencies*

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(Part Two)**

**PART TWO (Day Two)**

*Delegates may have completed Part One of this course or previous domestic abuse/violence awareness raising.*

*Topics covered on Part Two build on the knowledge gained from Part One*

**Topics will include**

**What might the woman do to assess her own risk, what might her behavior be?**

*This will include introduction/revisiting of the Stockholm syndrome*

**Characteristics of offenders and how this inform risk assessment**

*'Criminogenic' needs of domestic violence offenders*

**Identifying risk factors**

*Looking at risk factors as identified by Kroop et al*

**Risk assessment Tool and how it might be applied**

*Based on the work of the Cardiff Women's Safety Unit*

**Agency responses – managing risk**

*Opportunity to look at what we do well and what we worry about!*

*Policies, Documentation, Recording, Confidentiality, Interagency sharing protocols*

**Looking after staff**

*How do we as individuals and agencies maintain and support staff*

*In Part One and Two a range of teaching techniques are used, but focus on an experiential learning approach. Delegates will be provided with training packs that will expand on topics covered and there will be opportunity throughout the day to ask questions.*