Responding to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

Monday 19 May 2014, 8.30am - 4pm
NARU Seminar Room, 23 Ellengower Drive, Brinkin (Darwin) NT
Cost: $210

The workshop provides an overview of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), using audio visual materials, interactive and reflective sessions. FASD is an umbrella term for the range of effects of pre-natal alcohol exposure including physical, emotional and behavioural issues.

By the conclusion of this workshop participants will be able to:

• Identify the key features of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.
• Describe the effects of alcohol on the developing brain
• Identify the possible effects of pre-natal alcohol exposure on infants, children, young people and adults
• Identify the range of behavioural and emotional aspects of FASD
• Identify opportunities and strategies for prevention of FASD
• Conduct a risk assessment of an individual affected by FASD
• Identify the features of appropriate support, intervention and planning for individuals affected by FASD
• Identify opportunities to apply learnings within their field of practice

Morning, afternoon tea and lunch provided.

Registration can be completed online at pruewalkerfasd.com/registrations

Prue Walker (BA Hons, MA (Soc Pol), BSW) undertook a Churchill Fellowship in 2009 when she travelled to Canada and the United States to explore models of care for children with FASD. She presented her findings at the APCCAN Asia Pacific Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Perth 2009, and since that time has convened workshops and delivered training for health and child protection workers in the Northern Territory in relation to FASD, including assessment, prevention and case management.

Prue has been employed for 15 years in child protection in both Victoria and the Northern Territory, most recently as Practice Leader, Department of Human Services (DHS), Victoria. Between 2006-2011 Prue was employed by the NT Department of Children and Families (DCF) as a Child Protection Team Leader and Manager in both Alice Springs and East Arnhem where she was responsible for case management of a number of children with FASD. Since 2012 she has delivered FASD training for DCF which has become a regular part of the training calendar.

In 2013 Prue completed a FASD research project in conjunction with Menzies Institute of Health Research and OCF Katherine and Northern Region exploring the prevalence of children at risk of FASD within the child protection system. Prue presented her findings at the Australasian Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Conference in Brisbane in September 2013 and at the AASW NT conference in March 2014.