



Safeguarding Children Across Services

Messages from Research

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Safeguarding Children Across Services provides a summary of important evidence on child protection and addresses the key issues facing today's practitioners. Based on the latest research, it gives practical and accessible advice for those involved in safeguarding children.

The book begins by defining the different forms of abuse and their effects, and examining the effectiveness of universal preventative measures such as education programmes. The core of the book evaluates methods for intervention following abuse, beginning with a consideration of general interventions, including social work, which help parents to modify their behaviours. The following chapters analyse specific therapeutic interventions where there is a family history of drug abuse, domestic violence or mental health difficulties. The book also focuses on the implications of child protection practice for adolescents, an important but often-overlooked subject. Throughout the book, the authors recommend ways in which inter-agency communication, clear guidelines for referral and assessment, and earlier intervention can lead to more effective prevention of childhood abuse.

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Contents: Foreword. Preface. 1. Introduction. 2. Identification and initial response. 3. Universal and targeted services to prevent the occurrence of maltreatment. 4. Social work interventions to keep children safe. 5. Specific interventions for children and families with additional or complex needs. 6. Providing a context for effective inter-agency practice. 7. Overview: Principal messages and their implications. Appendix 1. Implementation and advisory group. Appendix 2. Details of evaluations of specific interventions discussed in Chapter Five. Appendix 3. Project

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