Topic: Tough Talk – Communication issues in children and young people who have experienced maltreatment. The workshop will be presented by: Suzanne Lim – Speech Pathologist

Workshop Outline:

This workshop will be part seminar and part workshop – with participants able to take back practical strategies to support them in their own work.

Talking can be tough for those children and young people who have experienced maltreatment. They can present as ‘tough’, as if they don’t care and that they don’t need anyone. Or they could be spaced out and hard to reach. Some may be demanding and need a lot of support. Either way, it can be tough at times for people who work with them to communicate with them. This is a challenge as talking is the basis for developing a relationship, for therapeutic help and for education.

In this workshop, there will be a brief summary of the information around child maltreatment and the impact on brain. What kind of communication issues are there in children and young people who have experienced maltreatment - and what are the reasons and underlying mechanisms around this? How can an awareness of this help us with ways to communicate with them better? How can we help give them a voice?

Target audience: Designed for staff working in a range of sectors including education, health, community, welfare, youth services, youth justice, youth accommodation and family services.

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Cost: $80.00 (including GST, seminar materials, and catered refreshments)

Upon registration, you will be invoiced prior to the event

Bookings & Registration: Email to: communityseminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au or complete the Registration Form and fax to 039870 7973

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