



Call for Papers

RESEARCH CONFERENCE

'What Helps Children? Evidence Based Analysis for Family Court'

One Day Conference

**24 February 2010
Birmingham NEC**

We are pleased to invite you to submit an abstract proposal to the annual Research Conference sponsored by Cafcass.

This one-day conference serves as a forum for the dissemination of research relevant to social work with children and families, who are involved with the Family Justice and Family Court system, whether through private or public law. It provides the opportunity to share your research about practice and contribute to its application to practice.

Abstract Submission Deadline: 13 September 2009

Conference Themes

Theme A: Contact, Risk Management and Changing Needs

- Domestic abuse
- Emotional health
- Neglect
- Trends in contact
- Developing services for 21st C families
- Effective planning and intervention

Theme B: Child Inclusive Practice

- Effective communication with children
- Respecting young people's views
- Assessing children's needs
- Helping families to resolve problems
- Promoting children's best interests
- Supporting diversity

All proposed papers or workshops need to focus on applications of research to practice and **will be peer reviewed** by a combined panel of academics, practitioners, and service user representatives (chaired by Jane Tunstill, Professor Emeritus of Royal Holloway College).

Further information about the conference, organising committee and peer review process, plus the abstract submission form and conference registration form can be obtained from the conference pages on the Cafcass website: www.cafcass.gov.uk/events.aspx

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