

# **CHILDREN AND FAMILY VIOLENCE**

**ECLIPSE**'s **Children and Family Violence** training explores the intersection between family violence and child protection. This course is designed for practitioners who want to understand more about how to respond appropriately when concerns for the safety and well-being of children exist due to family violence.

This course provides participants with a greater understanding of the impacts of family violence on children and whānau. This course will introduce you to important aspects of child protection, the complexities produced by family violence, legislation, and practitioner obligations and responses.

### **Course Outcomes**

By attending this course participants will:

- Be introduced to the dynamics and impacts of family violence and child abuse.
- Have a greater understanding of child development and the effects of family violence on children's development.
- Learn about the impacts of family violence on parenting and the protective nature of relationships.
- Be exposed to legislation relating to family violence and child protection.
- Learn about how practitioners can respond to concerns for children when family violence exists, including how to work with Oranga Tamariki.
- Grow in your knowledge and confidence to work with whānau when there are concerns for the safety or well-being of children.

## **Course Details**

Course Length: 7 hours

**Course Cost:** \$100+GST (online)

or \$150+GST (in person)

Public or private workshops are available.

# Here's what our participants have said:

"Love the ECLIPSE training. It's the most informative and useful training I have done in my role so far."

"Braden is clearly skilled and knowledgeable in this topic.
However, his aroha and genuine care for the safety of those participating made this training feel serious, but not emotionally heavy or draining.
His ability to not only acknowledge but demonstrate and incorporate aspects of Te Ao Māori tikanga was truly humbling. Ngaa mihi aroha ki a koe Braden!"

"Respectful, helpful, insightful, professional, and tackled the important topics that most other trainings don't get into it.

Most of all, practical and applicable."

# **Te Aorerekura and Children and Family Violence Workshop Contents**

Te Aorerekura is Aotearoa New Zealand's <u>National Strategy and Action Plan for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence</u> in Aotearoa New Zealand and is overseen by <u>Te Puna Aonui</u>. A <u>Family Violence Entry to Expert Workforce Capability Framework (E2E)</u> has been developed as part of Te Aorerekura.

All ECLIPSE training aligns with Te Aorerekura and the E2E. **ECLIPSE**'s **Children and Family Violence** workshop covers the **Essential** level capabilities below from the E2E framework:

#### Capabilities covered

- That rights, entitlements, opportunities and access that are not equally distributed throughout society.
- Awareness of principles and legislation related to confidentiality, information sharing, consent and privacy, and family violence.
- Awareness of criminal courts, Family Court, protection orders and parenting orders.
- The need for children and young people's voices to be heard.
- Age and developmental stages for children and young people.
- The impacts of family violence on children and young people.
- The impacts of family violence on parenting capacity and the parent-child relationship.
- The harm children experience when exposed to family violence even if they do not directly witness
   it.
- The range of behaviours that the person protecting children may use to try and keep children safe in the context of family violence.
- The need for children and young people to maintain safe relationships with protective parents/caregivers, siblings, family, whānau and other adults.
- The range of family violence including intimate partner violence, sibling violence, violence by children towards parents/caregivers, violence within whānau, violence from extended family member/s and violence from carers.
- Different dynamics of family violence that may be experienced by children.
- Some forms of family violence that are outside the gendered dynamic of family (e.g. abuse experienced by children).
- Societal norms, attitudes and myths that render those who have experienced sexual harm invisible, including children and young people.
- The health, emotional/psychological, developmental, social and economic impacts of trauma and family violence on victim-survivors, including children, young people, families, whānau and the broader community.
- The need to work with others to create safety.
- The range of specialist services and agencies available to all victim-survivors of and people who use family violence.
- Understanding of the reasons why people impacted by family violence may be reluctant or unable to engage with services.
- Identifies key government agencies that can support a person to meet wider social needs such as access to housing and financial support.
- Demonstrate understanding of holistic approaches that focus on well-being and wellness and consider family and whānau ecological needs.
- Identifies and participates in training and/or development opportunities to grow practice and remain current.
- Identifies own learning needs including through reflexive practice and mentoring.