



Teenagers in Foster Care

Promoting Positive Relationships

Trust for the Study of Adolescence

The course is aimed at carers who are relatively new to the task of fostering teenagers or long term carers with children in placement who are approaching their teenage years. It is also aimed at Children & Families & Fostering Social Workers who work alongside carers and teenagers in placement.

- A Programme for Foster Carers, Social Workers and Other Professionals
- Created by the Trust for the Study of Adolescence (TSA) – UK Charity
- Based on original research
- A wide range of individuals and agencies assisted TSA
- Funded by the Big Lottery – the project has also produced companion resources

Aims

Promote positive relationships between foster carers and young people, and also relationships between foster carers, social workers and fellow professionals.

Course Content

- **Making sense of Adolescence** – it is essential to have an understanding of adolescent development.
- **Trust Me** – trust is at the heart of positive relationships
- **Everyone as a Past** – paying more attention to how young people join foster families helps build trust
- **Making a Difference** – social workers and foster carers need to be more explicit about “sharing parenting” in promoting the young person’s social relationships, education, health and wellbeing.

This course is facilitated by Debbie Simmons and Annie Knight

7 places available for Social Workers & Fostering Social Workers per course

Registration & Refreshments will be available fifteen minutes before the course is due to commence

Course Time 9:30am – 2:30pm

24th & 25th May 2010 – Whitstable Community College

21st & 22nd June 2010 – Lenham Community Centre

29th & 30th November 2010 – Pfizers, Sandwhich

14th & 15th December 2010 – Aylesford Priory