



MAKING THE MATCH

A workshop to explore innovative methods of family-finding

To be run in-house by agencies or consortia

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THEME: Many children with complex backgrounds & disabled children need new permanent families. Many wait a very long time. Some never have a new family. How can we make the family finding system work better for these children?

AIMS OF WORKSHOP

- to introduce and explore the child-led model of family finding (Video Profiling Events);
- to understand the different parts of the process: linking, compatibility and matching;
- to highlight the role of post-placement support and services;
- to examine 'what helps and what doesn't' when profiling children for permanence.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: family finding teams; children's social workers; staff who write profiles; publicity / marketing officers responsible for recruitment and featuring children for permanence.

COST & PARTICIPANT NUMBERS The cost of the day is £945 (plus VAT & expenses) for up to 35 participants.

PROGRAMME

9.30	Arrival & coffee	1.30	Profiling children: Jennifer Cousins
9.45	Welcome & introductions	2.45	Tea
	Making the link / making the match: Jennifer Cousins	3.00	Matching issues
	The Northamptonshire model: Sue Lowe	3.45	Bringing it all together
11.30	Coffee	4.15	Evaluation & Close
11.45	Videos of children: what works?		
12.45	Lunch		

