



## RISK ASSESSMENT IN ACTION the art of judging risk in child protection

**A one-day workshop on 20 March 2014**

*Risk assessment is a foundation skill for effective child protection practice, underpinning all decisions about safety and support. This comprehensive workshop uses evidence-based knowledge to develop participants' understanding of the concepts central to risk assessment in contemporary child protection practice. Beyond a core understanding and skills-base in child protection, this workshop challenges participants to examine how they apply knowledge in practice. Practical exercises, using frameworks which reinforce good quality assessments, enable participants to increase their competence in making comprehensive assessments and defensible decisions.*

The course content is consistent with Queensland's legislative framework and aims to promote thoughtful responses and good practice in meeting the current requirements of the Department of Communities (Child Safety Services). Statutory team leaders and workers responsible for initial assessment as well as workers providing reunification and intervention services will benefit, across Child Safety, intervention services, other NGOs, and health settings.



**This workshop goes beyond the basics, to examine:**

- ◆ Understanding and applying the concepts of harm and likely future harm
- ◆ Essential assessment skills—avoiding common errors in risk assessment
- ◆ How to apply knowledge in practice in risk assessment including presenting the evidence to support assessment outcomes
- ◆ Frameworks for making judgments at different decision-making points in the child protection process
- ◆ The differences between professional judgement and decision-making, and how to clearly articulate each
- ◆ Accountable recording of assessments and decisions, and the skills in recording for defensible practice

Next scheduled

When: 20 March 2014

Time: 9.30 – 4.00

Place: Brisbane— Quality Airport International Hotel, 528 Kingsford Smith Dve., Hamilton

Cost: \$220

To register  
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