

CHILD/ADOLESCENT TO PARENT VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

As recently as twenty years ago, there was little recognition of the harm caused in families when children use violent and abusive behaviours towards their parents and carers and it is only in the last ten years that there has been significant research around the world to help us understand and respond to the issue. In this time, Al Coates MBE and Hele Bonnick (author of the book, **Child to Parent Violence and Abuse: A Practitioner's Guide to Working with Families** published by Pavilion) have been at the forefront of raising awareness and promoting policy in the UK as well as in other countries.

In this webinar, Al and Helen will walk us through the issue of challenging, violent and aggressive behaviour in children and adolescents. They will consider the underlying causes and risks for the behaviour, its prevalence, how it manifests in the home and outside of the home and what this behaviour is telling us. The webinar will explore the reasons this has emerged as an issue of concern, and how we can best respond when families ask for help or seem to be having difficulties. The training will also examine the impact on parents and carers as well as considering how we can support those families and children.

The Webinar is open to anyone with a role in Safeguarding. This will be a brief introduction, but we will offer signposting to further resources and make suggestions for further training and there also will be Top Tips and time for questions.

Helen Bonnick bio

Helen Bonnick is a social worker with over 30 years of experience in the field of family work, at both practitioner and supervisory levels, based first within local authority social services teams, and then within schools for around 16 years. She also worked for a number of universities, supporting and assessing social work students on placement.

In 2004, Helen started researching the difficulties experienced by parents in finding help when their children were violent or abusive towards them, and since 2016 her work has been exclusively within this field, writing, training and consulting. She has a website, www.holesinthewall.co.uk, which acts as an international discussion and resource hub, has been a member of a number of working groups and has regularly spoken on the radio and at training events and conferences. Her book, '**Child to Parent Violence and Abuse: a practitioner's guide to working with families**', was published in May 2019 by Pavilion, and offers advice and guidance to all those engaged in work in this developing field. Helen is proud to be a patron of Capa First Response, an organisation offering support and training for all those living or working with child to parent violence and abuse.

Al Coates Bio

Al and his wife Paula adopted three children in 1999 and went on to be Foster Carers for a local authority for two children. They went on to adopt them in 2008 and their sibling in 2013. Their children are now 27, 25, 24, 16, 15 and 9. Al left his career in construction in 2008 to be a stay-at-home parent and subsequently trained to be a social worker qualifying in 2013. Since then Al has worked within Fostering and moved to be an Independent Social Worker in 2015 specialising in fostering, supporting adoptive parents and managing challenging and aggressive behaviour. Al has also campaigned to raise issues in relation to adoption and continuously worked with the Department of Education (DfE) since 2015 in various voluntary roles. Al also trains across the sector including police, youth justice, education, social care and families in a broad range of associated issues and is an NVR advanced practitioner. Since qualifying, Al has also been an active blogger and is the founder and co-host of "The Adoption & Fostering Podcast".

ZOOM registration

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

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Topic: **Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (CPVA) Webinar**

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