

Kids' Skills Training

Kids' Skills is a method for helping **5-10 year old** children overcome behavioural/learning problems and to learn skills. It was developed by psychiatrist Ben Furman.

*The training is aimed at **SENCo's, teachers and support assistants in schools and other school or community based workers. It would be most useful for a teacher and support assistant to attend from the same setting.***

*They would implement Kids' Skills in their schools/ community and so **schools/community would benefit from having the expertise.***

*To maintain the intervention there would be **2 support meetings for the first term when those who attended training would meet with an Educational Psychology and Specialist Support teacher, to be arranged on a cluster basis.** Support would continue through the first year TBA with the area teacher with this specialist responsibility.*

The cost to schools would be **£140 pp** for the 2 days training

Kids' Skills is:

- **Solution Focused:** The idea is not getting rid of problem behaviours but learning skills that the child needs to master in order not to have those problem behaviours.
- **Co-operative:** The child is not the object but an active participant in the kids' skills process.
- **Community-based:** The child's friends, his or her family members, as well as other adults important to the child participate actively in the process
- **Parent Friendly:** Parents are not blamed for the problems of their children but are invited to join in as supporters for their learning child.
- **Fun:** Kids' Skills proves that children are interested and motivated to learn to modify their own behaviour.
- **Accessible:** The steps of the process are easily understood and can be applied even without former experience.
- **Suitable for many contexts:** It can be used in childcare facilities, schools, clinics, as well as in families at home.

The training will be delivered by **Andrew Duggan**. He is a child therapist and solution focused teacher and trainer currently working in East Cheshire. He has worked in close partnership with Ben Furman at the Brief Therapy Institute in Helsinki learning the Kids' Skills approach and is the UK's first Kids' Skills coach. He has presented workshops in the UK and internationally on the application of Kids' Skills and solution focused ideas with children and adolescents.

Currently cost to schools would be **£140 pp for the 2 days** training.

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Children's Services

Educational Psychology and Specialist Support

There will be a KIDS' SKILLS course comprising 2 days training on:

Thursday 23rd October 2008

Friday 24th October 2008

Venue: Abbey Conference Centre

Coleman's of Norwich Unilever Best Foods NR1 2DD

Cost for 2 days : £140.00pp (including lunches).

We anticipate this course will be very popular so please confirm your attendance early to avoid disappointment.

Please complete the slip below if you would like to attend and return with your payment or Journal Number information.

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I would like to attend the course on Kids' Skills at **Abbey Conference Centre
Coleman's of Norwich Unilever Best Foods NR1 2DD**

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Please Journal £140.00 (per person) to ED4074 SC 94760

Name:.....School:.....

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Booking(s) authorised by:.....Signature:.....

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Cancellation Fee: If a place is cancelled 24 hours before commencement of the course a £25 administration fee will be levied per person. This also applies to failure to attend a pre-booked course.

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