

DDP Connects UK Partner Organisations

Background information

The Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy Training Institute (DDPI) has a robust process that enables organisations to become DDPI-certified organisation. This process works well for privately run organisations, such as residential homes, residential schools, independent adoption and fostering agencies.

The organisation certification process is less applicable to UK central government funded local authorities and NHS Trusts where a different kind of relationship is more helpful. For these organisations, DDP Connects UK is piloting a process of identifying Partner organisations. This is a process of recognition for services or teams that share similar aims and principles and who work closely with UK DDPI-approved trainers and consultants. Partners can include adoption teams, fostering or children in care teams or mental health and education psychological services within a local authority, NHS child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) or child health teams.

Who can be a Partner Organisation?

Our Partners provide statutory, child mental health, child health or education services to children who have experienced trauma, developmental trauma or complex PTSD, and their families. They include teams or services that organise and fund regular DDP level one and two trainings for staff, provide regular staff consultation from DDP Consultants or Trainers and run DDP-informed parenting groups for foster carers and adoptive parents such as Kim Golding's DDPI-endorsed parenting groups.

This is only available to statutory organisations such as Local Authorities, NHS CAMHS, NHS Child Health services. We are reviewing whether England's newly created Regional Adoption Agencies (RAAs) can be included.

Partner Organisations will be given a certificate of confirmation by DDP Connects UK. They can add the DDP Connects UK logo to websites and printed materials. DDP Connects UK will add information about the organisation to the Partners section of the DDP Connects UK pages in the DDP Network website.

What qualities and principles do DDP Connects UK Partners value and deliver or be working towards delivering?

- A commitment to develop and maintain services that are trauma-informed, attachment-focused and relationship-based.
- Respect for individual differences alongside non-discriminatory practice and safe care
- Practicing realistic ways to balance a relational aspect to care with statutory work
- Encouraging the development of safe, consistent relationships within which thoughts and feelings are accepted, not judged or evaluated. At the same time actions that harm others or self are openly discussed with appropriate safeguarding responses.
- Understanding and using an attitude of PACE throughout all levels of the organisation
- Working at all times to ensure personal and emotional safety and support for those employed by and involved with the organisation
- Working to ensure transitions in and out of the service or team are trauma-informed and attachment focused
- Providing regular supervision that includes a focus on relationships, ensuring emotional safety for supervisees.

DDP Connects UK Partner		
Checklist on principles and services provided or in the process of being provided		
Name of Organisation:		
Names of DDP Trainers/Consultants:		
Dates of annual Partner Organisation agreement:		
Essential	Is being delivered	In progress
Provides services to children who have experienced trauma, developmental trauma or complex PTSD, and their families		
Service or team philosophy include principles that are trauma-informed, attachment-focused relationship-based		
Works with one or more named DDPI-approved trainers and consultants.		
Regular DDP Level One and Two trainings are organised, with clear plans agreed between trainer and senior managers about involving staff. In small services or teams, key staff are funded to attend Level One and Two.		
Provides regular group consultation or supervision with one or more DDPI-approved trainers and consultants.		
Relevant senior managers as well as team managers meet regularly (such as between two and four times a year) with named DDP Trainers and Consultants to plan and review		
Team and individual supervision/consultation include trauma-informed, attachment-focused relationship-based practice		
Runs regular DDP-informed training to either parent, foster carers or education staff		
Desirable	Is being delivered	In progress
Ensure transitions between the team/service and other parts of the local authority or NHS Trust and other agencies, follow the above principles that are agreed as realistic given local funding, social and wider systemic factors		
Some staff are working towards starting the Practitioner in DDP practicum or have started the Practitioner practicum		
Foster carer or adoptive parent recruitment, assessment and initial training includes trauma-informed, attachment-focused, relationship-based principles		
Staff recruitment includes trauma-informed, attachment-focused, relationship-based principles		
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Date signed:		
Signed by (Ealing representative): <i>Please add name and role:</i>		
Date signed:		

Comments:

DDP Connects UK Partner Annual plan	
<p>Name of Organisation:</p> <p>Names of DDP Trainers/Consultants:</p> <p>Dates of annual Partner Organisation agreement:</p> <p>Date plan agreed:</p> <p>Date of next review:</p> <p>Date of annual review:</p> <p>Please describe plans for the year including dates where possible. This might include plans for level one and two training, frequency of consultation and who attends, foster carer and parent training plans, meetings with senior managers, ideas or plans for transitions, recruitment.</p>	
Description	Dates/provisional dates, if relevant

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