

PROMOTING POSITIVE CONTACT

PURPOSE AND NATURE OF PROPOSED TRAINING

This seminar examines the importance of maintaining positive contact between:

- a person (child or adult) who is living apart from their family, and
- other members of that person's family.

There are two main circumstances where an individual may be isolated from family members:

- First, there may be a 'natural' separation, where an individual is living in a residential setting, such as a rest-home.
- Second, there may be a 'formalised' separation, where an individual is a victim of abuse, and it has been determined that is in their best interests to live apart from some, or all, of their immediate family (or the situation where the abuse occurred).

Generally, in both these situations, contact with family is important.

There can be situations, however, where further consideration must be given to the physical and emotional safety of the individual being visited.

This seminar examines the matters that must be considered in each of the above situations ('natural' separation and 'formalised' separation) with regard to:

- assessing the appropriateness of on-going contact
- promoting and encouraging contact where appropriate
- ensuring the safety of the person being visited

FURTHER DETAILS

Length of Seminar

The Seminar will consist of:

Interactive Presentation	1.5 hours
Question / Discussion Time	0.5 hours
TOTAL	2.0 hours

Group Size

There is some flexibility with group size but, in order to ensure optimal participation and learning, the ideal number of participants per seminar is between 15 and 20.

Cost

The cost for the seminar presentation is \$150 + GST

Certificates

Following successful completion of the Seminar, each participant will receive a Certificate of Participation.

The contracting agency will also receive a certificate outlining the title of the Seminar and the number of staff who attended.