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# Be careful what you wish for:

Families, drugs and alcohol: involvement or support?

**Date:** Tuesday 23 March 2010

**Venue:** ORT House Conference Centre, London NW1

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## Families, drugs and alcohol: involvement or support?

### About the conference

Since it was established in 1984, Adfam has worked to support families affected by substance misuse. Over the past year, it has been evolving into an umbrella organisation, committed to representing the views of its supporters to policy makers and opinion shapers. As part of this development, Adfam has consulted with professionals and volunteers across a wide range of sectors to gather information about the issues which are crucial to the future of family support.

These issues inform Adfam's manifesto, and reveal the challenges and debates for anyone who works with families where substance misuse is a matter of concern.

### Key themes

The following issues will be considered:

- Families and workforce development
- Families' involvement in treatment
- Support and interventions for families in their own right
- The cost of caring for a drug user
- Families and primary care
- Think Family: the DCSF perspective

### Aims of the conference

The Government's drugs strategy 2008, emphasised the importance of support for families. But whilst recognition in policy is to be welcomed, challenges to delivering a cohesive and universal service still remain. The overall purpose of this conference is to present and debate the key issues for the future of family support, informed by intelligence collected from Adfam's series of consultations

- To launch the Adfam manifesto for families
- To present new research about families and substance misuse
- To present and offer an opportunity to debate the issues facing family support
- To consider what family support and involvement looks like

### Who should attend?

- Practitioners, managers and service managers in social care, health and children's services
- Drugs and alcohol professionals
- Family support practitioners and commissioners
- Service users and carers
- Parenting practitioners
- Statutory sector commissioners, government, local authority and DATs



## Programme

9.30am Registration

10.00am **Welcome and introduction**

Chair: **Vivienne Evans** OBE Chief Executive, Adfam

**Opening session: emerging issues**

10.10am **Adfam's manifesto for families: what our consultations have told us: key issues for the sector**

**Joss Smith** Head of Policy and Regional Development, Adfam

10.30am **The family, drugs and alcohol workforce: taking it forward**

**Carole Sharma** Chief Executive, Federation of Drug and Alcohol Professionals

10.50am **The family's relationship with primary care: a GP's perspective**

**Dr Chris Ford** GP and Clinical Director, SMMGP

11.20am **Questions**

11.30am Refreshments

**Session 2: Implementation**

11.50am **Making it local**

**Sara McGrail** Drugs Policy Specialist Consultant

12.10pm **Families involvement in treatment**

**Lynn Bransby** Head of Delivery, National Treatment Agency

12.30pm **Implementing Think Family**

**Nick Lawrence** Deputy Director, Families at Risk division, Department for Children, Schools and Families

12.50pm **Questions**

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm **Parallel workshops**

**A. Supporting grandparents: learning from practice**

**Vicky Brooks** Project Co-ordinator, Adfam

**B. Families and domestic violence: learning from research**

**Natalie Pallier** Project Co-ordinator, Adfam

3.00pm Refreshments

**Session 3: The evidence base**

3.20pm **Supporting families in their own right**

**Lorna Templeton** Independent Research Consultant

3.20pm **Supporting the supporters: families of drug misusers**

**Nicola Singleton** Director of Policy and Research, UK Drug Policy Commission

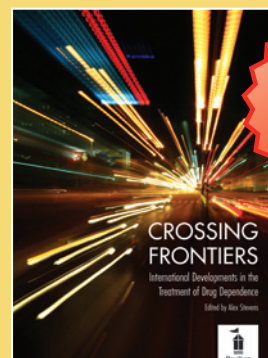
4.00pm **Questions**

4.15pm Chair's summary of the day and conference close

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