



THE  
**NATIONAL  
CENTRE**

FOR THERAPEUTIC  
**RESIDENTIAL  
& FOSTER CARE**

## Promoting Therapeutic Child Care, Social Pedagogy and Trauma Informed Practice.

### Our mission:

To share knowledge about therapeutic residential and foster care for children and young people, and to support the use of reflective practice and research, in order to improve service quality, and ensure excellent outcomes.

### We aim to achieve this by:

- Creating forums to share, discuss, and test models of high quality therapeutic residential and foster care.
- Sharing and disseminating University research on residential and foster care, and the needs of looked after children.

### Our core values; we support and promote:

- Models of care that are relationship (attachment) based.
- Models of care that promote 'living together as a group or family', where adults, children, and families use the lived experience to create 'a way of living and learning together.'
- Models of care that make conscious use of the culture and ethos of the psycho- social and physical environment.
- Models of care where the culture is influenced by a 'conscious use of self' and shared responsibility.
- Models of care that aim to develop a sense of belonging and promote resilience in children and young people.
- Models of care that provide high expectations for children and young people, and authentic stability of placement.

“The ‘National Centre’ is a free alliance of like-minded organisations who recognise the importance of the role of residential and foster care, and who are committed to improving the lives of children and young people.”

#### THE FOLLOWING MEMBER ORGANISATIONS HAVE GIVEN THEIR SUPPORT:

The University West of England: Department of Health and Applied Social Studies, and their 'Centre for Understanding Social Practices' - Institute for Recovery from Childhood Trauma (IRCT) - Jonathan Stanley, NCERCC Director - Richard Rose at the Centre for Childhood Trauma and Recovery (CCTR) - The Planned Environment Therapy Trust (PETT) - Dr Claire Cameron, Thomas Coram Research Unit, Dept. Children and Health, Institute of Education - Childhood First - The Earl of Listowel - Mark Kerr, University of Kent - Dr. Chris Nicholson, the Centre for Psychoanalytic Studies, University of Essex - Kate Cairns Associates - Pia Parry, Head of the Department of Childhood, Social Work and Social Care, University of Chichester - Jennifer Davidson, Director of CELCIS, the Centre of Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland - Steve Elliott and Prospects Care, Wrexham - Care Forum Wales Looked After Children Network - Dr Melanie Jordan, the Institute for Mental Health, the University of Nottingham - Care Leavers Association, David Graham (Director) - Jenny Molloy, Hackney Child Consultancy - North Leeds Psychotherapy Service - Camphill School, Aberdeen - Research in Practice - Dove Adolescent Services - UK Fostering - Robyn Kemp and Gabriel Eichsteller, Associates, ThemPra Social Pedagogy, CiC - Thure Gade Johansen, Social Pedagogue - ISP Childcare - Jacaranda Social Pedagogy - Comeragh Wilderness Camp, Ireland - Andrew Kendrick, the University of Strathclyde - Laura Steckley, the University of Strathclyde, MSc RCC Course Leader, Joint Editor Scottish Journal RCC - Michael Bettencourt, Virtual Headteacher for LAC, South Tyneside - Carolyn Mears, Founder Sandy Hook - Columbine Co-operative, Researcher, the University of Denver - Keith White, Mill Grove - The Juconi Foundation, Puebla, Mexico - Nests Therapeutic Children's Home, Northumbria - NAFF, the National Association of Fostering Providers - Mark Goulding, Supervising Social Worker, Community Foster Care - The Who Cares Trust - ThemPra Social Pedagogy (CiC) - Judith Furnivall, CELCIS, the University of Strathclyde - Child Care History Network - The Consortium for Therapeutic Communities (TCTC) - Care Visions Residential - Scottish Residential Child Care Workers Association - Lighthouse Fostering - Channels and Choices - The Fostering Network - Kites Children's Services - Mosaic Foster Care - Oracle Care - Glebe House therapeutic community - CASCADE, University of Cardiff - St. Bernard's Group Homes, Ireland - Five Rivers Child Care - The Amicus Community - Roland Woodward, independent consultant - The Rees Centre, University of Oxford - Chris Taylor Solutions - Positive Outcomes - The Tumblewood Community - National Children's Bureau - BAAF, British Association for Adoption and Fostering - Europeace Youth - Betsy de Thierry; Bath Trauma Recovery Centre - Lisa Cherry, author, speaker, trainer, coach - Family Care Limited - Halliwell Homes - OXPIP – Oxford Parent Infant Partnership - The Options Group - The Embrace Group - Family for every child - St Christopher's Fellowship - David Lane, independent child care consultant - PACT.

Each member organisation has one place on the Advisory Board which meets annually.

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