



Independent Social Work Matters Ltd

The Infant CARE-Index (ICI)

**Skills training in risk assessment and patterns of interaction
between infants and their carers**

A 9 DAY TRAINING LED BY

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Week 1: 23-25 November 2019

Week 2: 9-11 December 2019

Week 3: 31 January-2 February 2020

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Training days will run from 9.30am to 4.30 pm.

The teaching will begin at 10.30am on days 3,5,6,8&9. You will be required to code a number of procedures before the training starts on those days. Consequently, participants should be entirely free of other obligations during the training.Refreshments will be provided but not lunch.

Overview

The Infant CARE-Index (ICI) is the simplest and most versatile of the DMM measures and is a qualitative assessment of risk in relationships. It assesses patterns of interaction of infants and their carers from birth to about fifteen months of age based on a short, videotaped play interaction of 3 minutes. The measure assesses carers on three scales: sensitivity, control and unresponsiveness. There are also four scales for infants: cooperativeness, compulsivity, difficultness, and passivity. These scales tend to be related to the carer's scales in the order listed.

The scales:

1. Are highly correlated with the Infant Strange Situation assessment patterns of attachment
2. Differentiate abusing from neglecting, abusing-and-neglecting, marginally maltreating, and adequate dyads
3. Can be used during intervention, and
4. Can be used to assess the effectiveness of intervention.

The information derived from the Infant CARE-Index can be used as quasi-continuous or categorical data by researchers. In addition, the course is suitable for a wide range of professionals working with infants and their carers, including midwives, health visitors, early years workers, psychologists, paediatricians, clinicians, and social workers. Knowledge gained during training can be used to inform 'live observations' but such observations cannot be treated as reliable when video is not used. However, specific training of what to look for sharpens both observation and the ability to tell others exactly what the dyad did and why it should be interpreted in a particular manner.

The 9-day course is taught from video in 3 day blocks. Non-verbal behaviour, interpersonal strategies, and developmental processes are emphasised.

Competency to code is assessed by a reliability test after the training. Course participants will be expected to undertake practice coding during the training and in between the taught days. Not completing the practice is likely to seriously impede the level of reliability that can be achieved. The Family Relations Institute issues participants with a reliability certificate stating the percent agreement with the standard. This reliability can be reported. Evidence of reliability should be requested if the participant will code data for others.

Mandatory Course Requirements

It is essential that trainees attend all 9 days of the course. There will be practice coding during the training and in between the taught days. Not completing the

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Competence in administering the procedure is also assessed and therefore course participants are required to submit 3 videos that reflect their intended applications and culture(s) (2 normative, 1 clinical). These videos are used to assess the participant's competence in administering the procedure.

Course Timings

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Includes

All teaching, handouts and manual, feedback on practice and registration with Dr Crittenden for the reliability test.