

Practice Development Seminar

Pathways to Permanence for Minority Ethnic Children

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1.00pm – 4.00pm

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Although there are many strongly held beliefs and opinions, there have been very few research studies that have examined permanency planning for minority ethnic children. This seminar will examine the findings from a recently completed study, across three local authorities with high minority populations, in the DCSF funded '*Adoption Research Initiative*.'

Julie Selwyn and colleagues set out to understand more about minority ethnic children's care careers and to examine whether their placement outcomes were different from those of white children, especially in relation to permanence. In this session, the following questions will be addressed:

- Who are the young minority ethnic children being looked after?
- Are there differences in the services white and minority ethnic children receive and in the reasons for referral?
- Do minority ethnic children enter care more speedily than white children and what contributes to delays in planning?
- Which children are recommended for adoption and which are placed?
- How do social workers think about ethnicity, identity and matching?
- What are the dilemmas facing social workers who are trying to find permanent placements for minority ethnic children?

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