



THE ANNA FREUD CENTRE
DEDICATED TO THE EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN

Story Stem Assessment Profile Training (SSAP)



3-Day Course

The Anna Freud Centre/
Great Ormond Street Hospital

This 3-day training course teaching you to administer, code and use the Story Stem Assessment Profile (SSAP) within your clinical work. The three days of the course are spaced out over a 4 to 6 month period to allow you to carry out relevant tasks in between the days.

Day 1: Practical

Learning how to administer the battery
of story stems

CONTENT:

- An introduction to the history, context and framework of the story stems
- An outline of the research background with a focus on maltreated and at-risk children, including the Great Ormond Street Hospital/Anna Freud Centre/Coram Family longitudinal research
- The bulk of the day provides basic training in administering the narrative stems assessment for clinical or research use through the use of demonstrations from trainers, DVDs of clinical cases and practice role playing in groups.

REQUIREMENTS:

You will be expected to bring a kit of story stem materials for the first day (information will be provided nearer the time on the content of your set). We can provide the kit for you at an additional cost of £180. Please indicate on your booking form if you would like to order a kit from us.

YOU WILL RECEIVE a pack containing the full protocol of the Story Stems, guidance notes for administering, relevant journal articles which have used the technique, a list of up-to-date references, and a condensed version of the manual.

Day 2: Coding

Learning how to rate and analyse children's narratives

CONTENT:

- Reviews participants' experiences in administering the story stems following the first training day
- Introduces the use of the rating manual
- Provides basic training in rating children's narratives using the rating manual through transcripts and some DVDs.

REQUIREMENTS:

- You will be expected to have read the condensed version of the manual
- You will also be expected to have tried administering the story stems, even if only to an adult or a lay child.

YOU WILL RECEIVE a pack containing the full coding manual of the Story Stem Assessment Profile, transcripts, and homework assessment transcripts.

Day 3: Clinical

Learning how to apply the ratings in both clinical and court settings

CONTENT:

- Examining cases using video/DVD and transcripts, focusing on the clinical implications of the assessment material
- Marrying the rating with other clinical material
- An opportunity for discussion of use and interpretation of children's responses, including use in court assessment
- Thinking about the story stems in terms of secure, insecure, avoidant and disorganised attachment
- Discussing how we can compare a child's story stem ratings with normal and maltreated children.

REQUIREMENTS:

- You will be expected to have done the homework from the second day and begun to have reached reliability in rating story stems. This needs to be sent in for feedback.
- You will be expected to have rated the clinical example which will form part of the day.

What the SSAP Course offers you

- Three days of intensive training with experts in both the clinical and research fields
- An appreciation and understanding of narrative story stems from a theoretical and research perspective
- Training packs containing the manual for coding and the protocol for administering
- Training focused for clinical applications but also for those with research interests
- Use of clinical case studies for illustration
- Utilising the technique within your own clinical and/or therapeutic setting
- Use of 'real' narratives from research and clinical contexts
- Practice in small groups with feedback
- Practice stories to analyse as homework
- CONSULTATION following the second and third training day as part of the package for you to practice and receive ongoing feedback through mail, telephone, and/or email.

Who we can train

We train qualified practitioners, with a degree-level qualification, in Child Mental Health or Social Work, or post-graduate researchers. We will ask you to give details on the registration form. You need to be working with children (aged 4 to 9) within a clinical or research setting.

Accreditation

Trainees will be able to get accredited on both the administration and coding/rating of the SSAP (two separate certificates from the Anna Freud Centre / University College London are provided).

It is also not a requirement to be accredited and trainees can be accredited at any stage during or after they have finished the training.

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Story Stem Training Days

Location:
The Anna Freud Centre
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Tel: 020 7794 2313

Time:
9.30am till 4.30pm

Cost
£600 (£200 per day)

*This includes refreshments and a sandwich lunch.



For further information about the course and to book your place please email:

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