



Substance Using Families Support Services (SUFSS)

Turning Point's Substance Using Families Support Service (SUFSS) is a unique model that tackles parental drug and alcohol misuse and the effects on the whole family. Using highly trained, floating support staff, SUFSS helps commissioners target support and reduce risk.

The challenge

When parents misuse the whole family suffers. The children may be at risk, their health compromised and their education affected. They may suffer emotional and behavioural problems and they may turn to crime. Their growth and development may be restricted and they can end up sad, angry and isolated.

When parents misuse substances they can fall through the gaps. They may slip through the net while they're still at an early stage. Given their

own unique issues, their parental responsibilities and the lack of tailored support, parents can become lost in the system until it's too late.

The solution

Designed by Turning Point, SUFSS is a high quality, proven model that reduces the impact of substance misuse on families and communities and offers a new future for parents and children.

Set outside the traditional system, it offers practical, real-world support in families' own homes. It helps them



identify their own problems, face their own challenges, set their own goals, become better parents and make a positive, lasting change for themselves and their children.

SUFSS offers children a chance to talk and be listened to, make their own decisions, be the centre of attention, engage with others, increase trust and confidence, make progress at school, look forward to the future and live their lives with dignity.

SUFSS: A new future

By integrating key partners including the DAAT, Supporting People and Children and Young People Services, SUFSS acts as a strong bridge between children's and adult services. SUFSS staff assess families in their own homes, develop a targeted care plan that tackles their precise needs and work with the family over time, often years if needed, to ensure positive, tangible results.

By uniting key support services, working with treatment services, community groups, schools, GPs, hospitals, health visitors, refuges, probation, housing services and Community Mental Health teams we deliver group, individual and family therapy. SUFSS offers a unique holistic service that can help parents address their own real practical needs and overcome barriers to long-term abstinence.

SUFSS: Real benefits

SUFSS creates a new, flexible first level of service – free from stigma. It filters, signposts, tracks and engages hard to reach users, delivering real benefits for commissioners.

- SUFSS helps you save money by combining budgets. It helps cut duplication and create true joint working. Commissioned in this way it can reduce unit costs and increase value for money
- SUFSS helps you meet your targets, assess risk face-to-face on an ongoing basis and help hard to reach users who will not engage with traditional services
- SUFSS puts you back in control. In a high-risk area, full tracking and data collection allows you to minimise the chances of child protection issues
- SUFSS gives you the opportunity to innovate, be ready for the future, offer new services and support people using a modern, powerful, integrated model
- SUFSS works. Tailored support working across disciplines with the needs of the individual at its heart can help people take control and turn their own lives around

Outcomes

- More people in treatment
- More people abstinent or working towards abstinence
- More proactive response to child protection
- Less direct involvement for social services
- Less child truancy
- Less NHS drain
- Less domestic violence & child abuse
- Less debt & housing problems

Turning Point can help you design a SUFSS service for your area. Talk to us today and create a new future for families and children on 08456 029 408.

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