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About Us

Chariteens is an OFSTED registered Residential Family Centre situated in East London, which provides court directed Parenting and Risk Assessments for parents where there are safeguarding concerns. We provide a safe and nurturing environment for up to six vulnerable families three single placement for mother and babies and three placements for couples (Joint assessment).

With our experienced multi-disciplinary team including social workers, psychotherapists, psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors, drug and alcohol workers and family support workers, we are able to offer a comprehensive program of assessment tailored to fit within the assessment window in care proceedings. We provide a 12 week Parenting Assessments however, in exceptional circumstances we can vary the time of completion in agreement with the placing Local Authority.

Assessments are based on the Framework for Assessment as incorporated in the Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 and the Parenting Assessment Manual (PAMS) by Dr. Sue McGaw.

Whilst our core service is the provision of Residential Assessments we are also able to offer free pre-admission Viability Assessments only by reading the court bundle and assessing the suitability of the placement for the client. Also where there is a non-resident parent we are able to provide an assessment that will run alongside the residential assessment.

Who we can Assess

- Mothers who are in the late stages of pregnancy (Pre-Birth Assessment).
- Parents where the Local Authority are considering removing their child at birth.
- Families where there have been concerns regarding physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse or long standing neglect.
- Parents who have a level of learning difficulty that is believed to impact on the care they are able to offer their child/ren.

- Dependent on a specific risk assessment, parents who have a history of self-harming behaviour.
- Dependent on a specific risk assessment, parents who have mental health difficulties.
- Parents who had chaotic drug and/or alcohol problems but who are now drug and/or alcohol free. We will, subject to an initial risk assessment, consider admitting parents who are currently under treatment.
- Mothers and their children where there are concerns regarding the mother's ability to provide protective parenting. This may include mothers who have experienced domestic violence from their partners or mothers who have formed relationships with men who are Schedule One Offenders.

Client Support Services

Chariteens provides a number of onsite and offsite support services tailored to meet the individual needs of each family. These include individual and group sessions based on Child Development and Positive Parenting.

A range of specialist clinical services are also available; Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy, Therapeutic Parenting Sessions, Parent-Infant Bonding Sessions, Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Psychiatric Assessment, diagnosis and treatment.

Chariteens works in partnership with our local Children's Centres to provide a range of offsite and outreach services including Stay and Play Sessions, Sensory Room Play, Baby Massage, Baby Yoga, Health Promotion Sessions and Sleep Routine Workshops.