

How do parental mental illness, learning disability, problem alcohol or drug use and domestic violence impact on children's development?

Do children always suffer as a result?

These are the questions which this second edition of *Children's Needs – Parenting Capacity* seeks to answer. The original exploration of the research literature has been updated in the light of legal and policy changes in England and findings from more recent national and international research. The edition has also been expanded to cover parental learning disabilities and how it may impact on parenting and children's health and development. The findings show that these parenting issues affect children differently depending on their age and individual circumstances. While some children grow up apparently unscathed, others exhibit emotional and behavioural disorders. This knowledge can inform practitioners undertaking assessments of the needs of children and their families and effective service responses.

The book is essential reading for practitioners, managers and policy makers concerned with improving the outcomes for children and families who are experiencing such problems.

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