

**Audience** Groups 3-6 (Working Together 2010)

**Methods** Individual exercise; small group work;  
large group feedback

### Preparation

As background reading, trainers might find it helpful to read or refer to handouts:

- H5 Structural factors affecting children and families
- H10 Adults who misuse substances
- H12 Key facts about domestic abuse

### Links to Common Core

**Common Core 3** Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the child (skills: relate, recognise and take considered action). Understand the key role of parents and carers in safeguarding and promoting children and young people's welfare and involve them accordingly, while recognising factors that can affect parenting and increase the risk of abuse.

## Childhood Neglect: Improving Outcomes for Children

### Learning Outcomes

To identify concerns about parenting capacity that may contribute to neglect.

### Process

This exercise aims to explore how children of different ages signal their developmental needs and what might affect a parent's capacity to recognise those signals and respond appropriately. Remind participants that if they observe or hear about children, whose needs are not being recognised by any adults in their lives, they need to consider whether this may be an indicator of neglect.

### Time

Total : 30 minutes

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Understanding  
factors affecting  
parental empathy

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