



## HOME ON TIME LEGAL SEMINAR

# BABY ON BOARD: THE IMPACT OF HIGH FREQUENCY CONTACT ON YOUNG CHILDREN

### THEME

BAAF IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE “HOME ON TIME” PROJECT BEING IMPLEMENTED ACROSS NORTHERN IRELAND AND COMMISSIONED BY THE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE BOARD. THE CONCURRENT PLANNING PROJECT IS FUNDED UNDER THE *EARLY INTERVENTION TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME*.

The question of best practice in family contact for infants in care is a complex one. High levels of family contact are sometimes seen to be needed to maximise the chance of family reunification. However infants also need safety, stability of care and tranquillity in order to thrive. Where there is a level of disruption involved for infants with frequent travel and significant time away from their primary caregiver, these two factors may be in tension.

Meredith Kiraly (University of Melbourne) will report on her research findings on the impact of parental contact on infants and directions for good practice. The seminar will conclude with open discussion and a question and answer session.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This seminar is being offered free of charge to social work and legal practitioners, adoption panel members, the Judiciary, child care managers, Guardians ad Litem and all those involved in care planning for looked after children.

### PROGRAMME

4.30PM REFRESHMENTS

5.00 PM PRESENTATION FROM MEREDITH KIRALY

5.45 PM DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

6.30 PM CLOSE

CHAIR: MR JUSTICE O’HARA

### CHAIR

Mr Justice O’Hara

### VENUE

Bar Library, High Court

### DATE

23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2015

### TIME

Registration and Refreshments:  
4.30pm  
Seminar 5 – 6.30pm

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