

Child Maltreatment: New Frontiers in Research & Practice

Multisystemic Therapy for Child Abuse and Neglect (MST-CAN): The experience of delivering MST CAN in Leeds **Tracey Kayne**

Multisystemic Therapy for Child Abuse and Neglect (MST-CAN) is an evidence-based model developed in the United States to address child maltreatment. MST Standard for youth with serious behaviour problems and their families has been long established in Leeds.

The MST-CAN Leeds Team started up in August '13 to serve families where physical abuse and/or neglect has occurred and the child is at high risk of placement. MST-CAN Leeds is part of a transportability research pilot that is being conducted in three sites in England. The clinical team works in positive collaboration with Child Protection on behalf of the family.

MST-CAN is a clear therapeutic model designed to support parents to develop the skills and ability to prioritise the needs of their children, overcome mental health issues that are negatively impacting parenting, strengthen the network of support around the family, and reduce abuse and neglect and out-of-home placement of the child. This presentation illustrates the MST-CAN model in action using case studies.