

# THE SEPARATION NETWORK

Uniting Services that Support Family Change Post Separation and Divorce

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2020, a number of organisations working with children and/or parents with the experience of family separation/divorce came together to share opportunities for staff training and development. Their aim was to improve outcomes for children and their parents post separation by ensuring staff were supported, trained and working within best practice guidance in this area. The Separation Network has now formally emerged as a working Network.

#### VISION

The needs of children will be central to parental separation, resulting in better outcomes for all.

#### **MISSION**

Practitioners that work with separating parents and children are effectively supported through relevant training, peer support, best practice guidance and relevant policy change.

## AIMS

- Training to make bespoke training available to frontline staff working with separated/ divorced families, ensuring an increase in confidence when working in this complex area of family work.
- Policy Change work to seek change and advancement across the sector on issues affecting separated/divorced families.
- Peer Support to create opportunities for frontline personnel to come together, share practice, support each other, and develop good referral pathways.
- **Best Practice** to explore and understand the needs of those working with separated/ divorced families and to develop best practice guidelines.

#### **MEMBER AGENCIES**











