

**Dr Miriam Silver** is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist who has extensive experience in CAMHS and social care, as well as working as an expert witness for the family court. She has a particular interest in attachment relationships, helping professionals to make the best decisions about how to intervene to support families, and when children need to be placed elsewhere. She is passionate about helping translate the exciting recent advances in research knowledge into practical strategies to help children living in adoptive and foster families, extended family placements and residential children's homes.

In her clinical work she has specialised in working with Looked After and adopted children, those who are recovering from childhood trauma and abuse, supporting parenting relationships, and assessment of neurodevelopmental disorders, as well as providing psychological support to people with physical health conditions. In her court work, consultancy and training she has specialised in helping people understand complex issues around attachment, children's needs and the quality of care available (including the impact of parental mental health problems, domestic violence, substance abuse, learning disability, children with special needs; defining psychological harm; practical issues around placement choice and contact arrangements; and socioeconomic issues such as immigration status, homelessness and poverty).