Why this learning matters for organisations now

> "Excellent combination of scholarly rigour and practical wisdom. This is exactly what professional development should look like."
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> - Webinar Participant

This learning is particularly timely for organisations in England, where current reform places increased emphasis on earlier and more effective help, consistent relationships with children and families, evidence-informed multi-agency judgement, and the conditions practitioners need for critical reflection.

Attachment ideas can influence assessments, reports, discussions and decisions across services. Supporting practitioners to use those ideas carefully is therefore relevant to the quality of professional analysis, relationships with families and consistency across agencies.

Evidence-informed analysis and professional judgement
Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026 sets the expectation that assessment and decision-making will involve judgement, balance, collaborative analysis and critical reflection through supervision. It also expects managers to create opportunities for peer learning, knowledge exchange and group supervision. The webinar provides a strong stimulus for precisely those conversations.

Relationships and working with families
The 2026–27 *Families First Partnership* programme emphasises earlier help, more consistent relationships and a culture in which families experience services as working with them rather than doing things to them. Reflecting on labels, assumptions and the language used about families has direct relevance to that ambition.

Shared practice across agencies
The 2026 *Children's Social Care National Framework* identifies effective multi-agency working, evidence-informed practice, strong relationships and an equipped workforce as central enablers. A shared conversation about attachment language could help different professions examine whether they are using key concepts consistently and responsibly.

Policy context checked August 2026. References apply to England; the wider practice questions may also be relevant in other jurisdictions.

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