

Membership Benefits

CoramBAAF – AFA Cymru membership benefits are designed to help you stay informed about new developments, access expertise and advice, participate in networks and groups, improve practice delivery, evidence regulatory compliance, contribute to consultations and discussions, and shape policy and practice.

Free events

Members can sign up to a range of free events including webinars, well-being and expertise sessions, and the annual members' day. Participants will benefit from opportunities to learn, exchange ideas and network with peers, and attendance contributes towards CPD.

Books, guides and other resources

We are a major publisher of books, guides and other materials related to children in care and care leavers. The focus is on resources for professionals working with and placing children and AFA Cymru ensures that they are relevant for use in Wales. Your membership will provide you with multiple copies of selected titles for distribution to your colleagues/teams including: authoritative and informative practice guides, Briefings and Practice Notes with up-to-date information and recommendations.

National and regional networks

AFA Cymru represents Welsh members on CoramBAAF's UK-wide committees, including the Health Group Advisory Committee, the Legal Group Advisory Committee, the UK Social Work Practice Advisory Committee and the Black Minority Ethnic Perspectives Advisory Committee, and raises issues on their behalf. AFA Cymru also convenes the following special interest groups which are facilitated on behalf of Welsh Government:

- / Medical Advisors group
- / Legal group
- / Special Guardianship and Connected Persons group
- / Panel Chairs and Vice Chairs group
- / IRO Network group
- / Fostering Managers Network group
- / Regional Adoption Managers Policy and Practice group

Adoption & Fostering journal

Our unique and acclaimed quarterly journal covers new developments in child care policy, practice and research UK-wide, as well as globally. Your membership gives you complete online access to all current and past editions.

Professional advice

AFA Cymru's advice line, funded by Welsh Government and open to both members and non-members, is available for all enquiries relating to permanency from professionals and members of the public.

Contact us [online](#) or call us on 029 2076 1155.

AFA Cymru Legal Bulletin

The quarterly legal newsletter, available to both members and non-members on the [AFA Cymru website](#), helps practitioners keep up to date with the law relating to permanency planning for children in Wales.

CoramBAAF Digest

The only comprehensive monthly bulletin covering news on policy, legislation, research and parliamentary affairs UK-wide, delivered to your inbox. All your staff can sign up to receive this for free. In addition, AFA Cymru will provide a quarterly newsletter (available to both members and non-members) specific to Welsh policy, practice and research.

Online benefits

Members will find a wide range of information and resources on both AFA Cymru's website and CoramBAAF's website. CoramBAAF membership entitles ALL staff – children's social workers, fostering specialists, service managers, child care lawyers etc. – to gain exclusive access to member-only website content including:

- / Electronic copies of up to 40 books and good practice guides
- / Sample copies of all our health and social work report forms
- / All of our Practice Notes, Briefings and *In the Spotlight* series of pamphlets
- / A selection of Advice Notes, including guidance for panel members
- / Our *Adoption & Fostering* quarterly journal, as well as complimentary access to the *Journal of Social Work* and *Qualitative Social Work*
- / Recordings of presentations from our learning events

Opportunities to save!

Members receive discounts on our products and services:

- / A significantly reduced fee for the electronic forms licence scheme – non-members pay almost double
- / Member rates for open courses, conferences, webinars and bespoke training events
- / Exclusive offers on books and guides in the CoramBAAF bookshop
- / A reduced fee for advertising positions on our popular online job vacancies page