

Leadership in Residential Child Care

A relationship-based approach

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In 2007 Adrian Ward was commissioned by the National Centre for Excellence in Residential Child Care to write a paper on Leadership in Residential Child Care. The paper that he wrote was available for some years from the NCB website as one of its most popular downloads, but until now it was only available in that form.

Adrian Ward has now produced a revised and greatly expanded version of this influential monograph, making it available in hardback for the first time.

Covering themes from leadership style to the unconscious dynamics of leadership, this is a highly personal and passionately-argued account of the critical role of the manager or head of home, focusing also on the leader's own needs for support and consultation. It is illustrated throughout with vivid examples of real-life incidents in residential child care, bringing the material to life in a memorable, dramatic and sometimes humorous way.

And although it is focused very much on the child care setting, this book will also have resonance for those in leadership roles in many other professional settings.

This beautifully-produced hardback book is only available direct from the publishers, [Smokehouse Press](#) of Norwich.

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Reviews

Finally we have a book on leadership that is fully congruent with the principles and practice of therapeutic residential care. It contains an immense amount of insight, wisdom and real life examples in a deceptively concise fashion. It is an instant classic. For managers, directors and supervisors, it will be like having an expert personal consultant at your side at all times – this is A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR FIELD.

Professor James Anglin, *School of Child and Youth Care, University of Victoria, BC, Canada*

I thoroughly enjoyed (this book) and feel it is essential reading for every residential unit. I found myself laughing, close to tears and nodding my head in complete agreement ... Most of all it struck a chord with me as I could relate to Adrian's journey into leadership in residential care.

Review of the first (pdf) edition in
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