

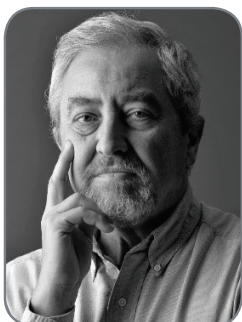


*Katrina Robson
and
Becky Morris
at the
UK Houses of
Parliament*

DMM-Based Intervention Receives Important Award in the UK

Love Barrow Families Receives Groundwork Community Group of the Year Award

Good news for IASA and DMMers: **Love Barrow Families**, a DMM-based project in the north of England, just received the **Groundwork Community Group of the Year Award** for service that transforms lives in the UK's most seriously disadvantaged communities. The ceremony was held **at the UK Houses of Parliament** in London, on November 22, 2018 and **Katrina Robson and Becky Morris** accepted the award.



Franco Baldoni

Love Barrow Families (LBF) in Barrow-in-Furness, UK (Robson, Tooby, & Duschinsky, 2015), going since the 1970s, is an individualized clinical service that makes use of DMM assessments and ideas from DMM Integrative Treatment (Crittenden, 2016, ch. 19; Crittenden & Dallos, 2014; Crittenden, Dallos, Landini, & Kozłowska, 2014, ch. 7) to help the most vulnerable families and to do so at a viable cost. It is based on family strengths and readiness to change and is implemented primarily by social workers.



Patricia Crittenden

LBF is a needs-led, grassroots organization, co-designed by local families and supporting the most

vulnerable and marginalised people in the local community ranging from teenage mums and their babies to people at risk of homelessness, ex-offenders, substance misusers, people having experienced domestic abuse and the long term unemployed.

The work is both formal and informal and it may be planned, considering agreed and measured outcomes, or may be a quick response to someone in crisis. It creates opportunities for people to come into an environment where they can socialize with other people or find a quiet, safe place to be alone. Normal work involves clinical assessment and an agreed plan of support. Individuals may be offered one-to-one sessions, counselling, play therapy and practical help for a wide range of needs (like a hot meal, food bank vouchers, help to write a CV or help to access specialist services). The LBF program includes local residents meetings, family lunches and holiday activities.

We think that individualized DMM-based treatment can meet the needs of each human in ways that short-term, manualized treatments aimed at risk groups cannot. Maybe each baby, each mother, and each father does require and can receive a sensitively attuned response from professionals. Maybe what we need is a more differentiated and more positive model of attachment.

The LBF demonstrates that DMM ideas and assessments can help the most vulnerable families through individualized, strengths-based service and can do so at a viable cost.

This is the DMM attachment and adaptation perspective applied to clinical treatment at its best.

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Barrow-in-Furness, UK



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