The Formentera social welfare department reports that day counsellors in the Consell's Escola d'Estiu programme have taken part in a two-day training course designed to provide participants with tools to spot possible indicators that children are struggling, at risk or displaying symptoms as a consequence of the public health crisis.

The three-part course opens with a focus on the potential psychological impact of the state of emergency and covid-19 crisis on children and families. Social welfare conseller Rafael Ramírez pointed out that the Escola d'Estiu would be "the first time many children find themselves in a group and outside their family unit".

Participants additionally studied the red flags for varying hardship, symptoms, lasting effects and situations frequently encountered by specialists. The training concluded with discussion of protocol surrounding appropriate referrals to specialised care.

The Formentera department of social welfare wishes to remind islanders that anyone with inquiries related to these issues can call 971 32 12 71 or send an email to educaciosocial@conselldeformentera.cat
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