

Working with parents

A four day foundation programme facilitated by Devon Working with Parents trainers to develop and build on knowledge and skills essential for positive working relationships with families.

Course overview

The programme is fully aligned with the National Occupational Standards and the recommendations of the National Academy of Parenting Practitioners, and is part of **Devon's Parenting Strategy**. The course covers:

- the principles and values which underpin working in partnership with parents
- the importance of the parenting role
- the parent/child relationship
- how to achieve accreditation as a parenting practitioner.

The course aims to build on existing knowledge and help you to gain new knowledge. The course can be done on its own or as part of a qualification.

- The course on its own is evidence of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) and you will receive a certificate of attendance
- The VRQ level 3 award in Working with Parents is achieved by evidencing the learning from the course.
- A full certificate in Working with Parents is currently being developed and will involve completing an additional five assessed units.

Who the course is for?

The course is recommended for all staff working with families.

Cost

- Attendance on the course for CPD is £212.
- The VRQ level 3 award is £435.

Some funding is available to Early Years with priority given to children's centre staff, staff from other teams and agencies should seek line manager approval for funding.

More information

For information on the next available course contact **07926 006578** or email wwpnvqhelp@btconnect.com

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- Why work with parents
- Value statements for working with parents
- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Family diversity – non-judgemental and anti-discriminatory practice
- Inclusive practice and stereotypes
- Reflective practice
- Cultural differences in parenting
- Working in partnership and personal and organisational constraints
- Exploring your own values and beliefs
- Exploring power and authority
- Identify influences on parenting and exploring awareness of those influences on parenting
- Values, beliefs and life changes affecting parenting
- Demonstrating a respectful approach when working with parents
- Principles of family structures and dynamics and their influence on parents
- Effects of gender expectations on mothering and fathering
- Parenting styles
- Exploring how experiences of being parented can affect parenting
- Exploring how the needs of the child can influence parenting
- Societal expectations and their affect on parenting roles and responsibilities
- Challenging parents assertively
- Parenting strength and capacity
- Analysing the effectiveness of parenting strategies