

Objectives

The objectives of this training are to enable practitioners to:

- identify why engaging parents is important and who benefits
- look closely at their own skills and knowledge and build on their own practice
- identify their own experiences and attitudes, and how these affect what they do with parents
- gain knowledge of the policy context and research that underpins parental involvement in the early years
- examine the concept of positive home learning environments, and identify ways of promoting and supporting them
- identify how parents are engaged as partners in children's learning, and ways of building on this to support children's learning
- identify parents most likely to be excluded as partners in children's learning, and strategies to support progress
- understand the importance of clear principles and policies to support the engagement of parents in their children's learning, and to identify key elements of these to build on in their own settings
- familiarise themselves with the pack and resources so as to be able to use them in their own settings
- recognise opportunities for, and barriers to, further work in their own settings
- identify the support and changes needed in order to take the work forward.

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