

Statement 6

Working with parents is a separate role to working with children, requiring different skills, qualities, training and qualifications.

Prompts for learning points

Ask the following questions to aid a group discussion:

- Are there skills which you think are applicable to both? For example, communication, empathy?
- Why is it important to develop skills for working with parents?
- Were these skills gained in training for roles working with children? Can they be acquired on the job?

Learning points

- Working effectively with parents can be enhanced through additional training.

An additional statement, research sheet 5.4 and guidance notes are available on the PEAL CD-ROM. These can be used when family support workers are included in a training group.