



Family learning a multi-agency approach

Friday 26 February 2010

National Union of Teachers, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9BD

Background

Work with parents and families has become central to many professional roles and is key to the work of children's centres and extended services. Family learning is a well-developed and effective method of breaking cycles of deprivation and under-achievement in families and there is a wealth of research to show that it is effective in re-engaging adults in learning and supporting their children, thereby creating the ethos of learning in families. NIACE, funded by the Lyons Charity, has been working with London Boroughs of Westminster and Brent helping to develop a best practice programme in children's centres, linking elements of parenting skills with family learning, using a multi-agency approach.

Audience

- Children's centre managers and practitioners
- Voluntary sector organisations working with families
- Family learning managers and practitioners
- All those involved in or interested in developing family learning.

Aims

The aim of the event is to celebrate and share family learning provision in children's centres.

Delegates will have the opportunity to:

- explore the concept of family learning using the typology from the resource pack
- debate new perspectives around the role of families and children's development
- take part in interactive workshops on aspects of family learning practice
- share good practice and identify gaps.

All delegates will receive two resources on the day:

- *Families learning in children's centres and extended services*
- *Best Practice Guidelines. Adult learning and children's centres: making learning accessible for parents and families.*

For more information, to download an application form or to reserve a place online, visit the NIACE website:

<http://www.niace.org.uk/events>

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Programme

- 09:45** **Arrival and registration** (tea/coffee available)
- 10:00** **Welcome and introduction to the day**
- 10:20** **Background and policy update**
- 10:50** **What do we mean by 'family learning'?**
Using the typology, in small groups discuss and identify what work is already going on
- 11:10** **Feedback key points to main group**
- 11:30** **Workshops:**
- Planning for intergenerational learning - outcomes for adults and children
 - Parenting and family learning - making the links, planning strategically and evidencing impact.
- 12:30** **Lunch**
- 13:30** **Workshops (repeated)**
- 14:30** **Action planning**
- 14:45** **Evaluation and close of seminar**

Event information

- Arrival and registration is at 9:45am for a 10:00am start. The event will end at 2:45pm
- Attendance is free to delegates and is restricted to the target audience (includes lunch, tea/coffee)
- Places will be allocated in order of receipt of completed application forms (one form per person)
- Video cameras may be in use at this event. If you do not wish to be photographed or appear on the video outputs please indicate this on the application form and make yourself known at registration
- Any learners attending can opt out of displaying their names on the list of participants. Please indicate this on the application form
- Participants should be prepared to take their own notes as there will not be handouts for all sessions
- If you have not received an e-mail confirming your attendance and joining instructions 4 working days before the event please contact:

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Application conditions

Event: Friday 26 February 2010

Closing Date: Thursday 11 February 2010

- Substitutions are to be advised **5 working days** prior to the event
- A **10 working days** notice period is required for provision of electronic note-takers, sign language interpreters and transcription to Braille
- Completed and signed application forms must be faxed or posted to NIACE by the closing date. Reservations by telephone cannot be accepted
- Application forms are individually acknowledged by e-mail. Joining instructions, including map and directions, will be e-mailed out one week before the event.

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