

Working with Young Parents

3-day accredited training programme

Dates: 3rd, 4th and 5th March 2008 **Time:** 9.15am – 4.30pm

Or: 17th, 18th and 19th March 2008

Venue: Coram, 49 Mecklenburgh Square, London, WC1N 2QA

Cost: Free (Funded through the DCSF Early Learning Partnership Project)

Course Description:

An interactive 3-day accredited course designed to increase participants understanding of the needs of young parents and to build confidence in engaging and working with young parents. This training also provides a forum to reflect on current service provision, share best practice and identify and plan ways forward so as to improve services for young parents.

Course Objectives:

- Understand the context of teenage pregnancy and parenthood in the UK.
- Explore and understand the impact of our own attitudes and values when working with young parents.
- Understand the developmental needs and milestones of teenagers.
- Understand the needs of babies/toddlers and the interdependent relationships between young parents and their children.
- Understand the stresses on young parents and their impact on the parent-child relationship.
- Recognise the needs of young fathers and develop skills to successfully work with them.
- Understand how to engage young parents with a service and gain confidence in doing this.
- Discuss and examine the effectiveness of services in meeting the needs of young parents.
- Share best practice, highlight areas for improvement and plan ways forward.

Who the course is for:

1. Practitioners who may come into contact with young parents in the course of the day-to-day role but who are not specialist teenage pregnancy/parent workers. For example:
 - Youth Workers
 - Connexions Personal Advisers
 - Social Workers
 - Midwives
 - Health Visitors
 - Children's Centre staff
 - Anyone working in childcare i.e. nursery staff and child minders
 - People working in the Voluntary sector
2. People interested in becoming specialist teenage parents' workers.

Accreditation process:

This 3-day training programme is accredited through the Open College Network. Participants on the course can choose whether they want to complete the accreditation process. Registering for accreditation requires a commitment to complete additional written work and submit a portfolio.



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Application form

Date of course applied for: 3rd, 4th and 5th March 2008
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Name:

Address:
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Telephone Number:

E-mail:

Professional role:

Organisation:

I wish to register for accreditation YES/NO*
*(This is optional. Registering for accreditation requires a commitment to complete additional written work and submit a portfolio)

Do you have any special requirements? (e.g. wheelchair access, interpreter, dietary etc.). Please specify:
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Please ensure that you Manager signs this application form agreeing to release you for the full 3-days.

Managers name:

Managers signature:

Please send the completed form to:
Helen Hall, Office Manager
Coram Parents Centre
49 Mecklenburgh Square
London WC1N 2QA