

# Working in partnership to support families

## Materials

The DCSF (formerly DfES) funded ContinYou to produce materials to assist those working in family support to work more effectively in partnership.

The pack of flexible and user-friendly materials, entitled *Working in partnership to support families*, is designed to help paid and voluntary workers and their managers in their day-to-day roles. The materials are divided into three sections:

- **Working in partnership:** looks at practical skills involved in working in partnership and provides an overview of partnership work and why it happens.
- **Supporting partnership work:** looks at the skills involved in supporting partnership activities.
- **Understanding strategic development of partnerships:** looks at how to assess the performance of a partnership.

The materials include tips, activities and worksheets, and can be used in sessions with parents, one-to-one meetings with managers, staff training events, and so on.

A set of guidelines for facilitators and managers is also available. This includes a detailed outline of how participants can gain Open College Network (OCN) accreditation for work they complete. The materials are also referenced to support the development of the new occupational standards for work with parents, where these relate to partnership working.

To download free pdfs of the flexible materials and the guidelines for facilitators and managers, visit [www.continyou.org.uk/partnerships](http://www.continyou.org.uk/partnerships).

Alternatively, you can purchase hard copies of the materials in a ring-binder by visiting our online shop at [www.continyou.org.uk/shop](http://www.continyou.org.uk/shop).

## Training for facilitators and managers

ContinYou offers training and consultancy to support the use of the materials. This will help you to work more effectively with, and on behalf of, parents and families, and to develop your own understanding and skills for working in partnerships.

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