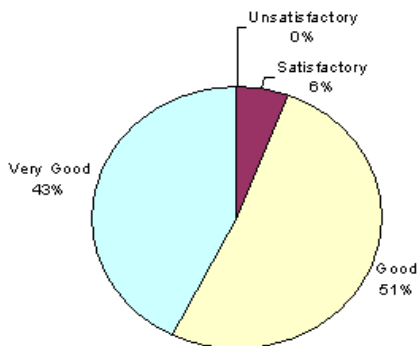


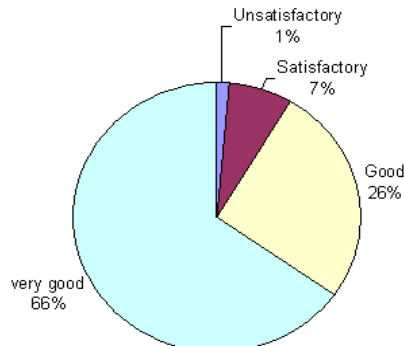
Regional Seminar & Exhibition

Parents as Partners - May 15th 2007 at Trent Vineyard

Suitability of programme



Suitability of venue



What will you be doing as a result of things you have heard/learnt today?

Networking, engaging fathers further, visits to other schools, seek funding.

Keen to engage in parenting issues. Keeping an eye out for the future as a PSA.

Working closer with other agencies.

Greater multi-agency contacts have been developed as a result of better understanding of what other agencies are involved with. At a strategic level this will enable a much more meaningful and relevant policy and strategic direction.

Setting up Extended Schools Workshop training. Looking into Pyramid Clubs.

Instigating a Fathers Group. Thanks to Men United.

Feeding back to managers.

Working heavily with Extended Services in schools - fuels my enthusiasm for establishing effective parenting support and easy referral.

Feedback to team.

More research into what else is going on to see what I can find to use.

yes - more outcome focussed work with partner organisations.

Made a couple of useful contacts and gained better knowledge of strategies and available resources.

Feeding back to team, and reading/digesting all the information gained today, from the various stands.

Contacting Men United to help me with my fathers' group. Feeding information re steps and using referrals.

Feed back to my team and read all the handouts. Continue to network.

Trying to pass on knowledge, to gain more resources, for e.g. working with male partners.

Discussing issues in team meetings. Generate ideas for progressive services with families.

Feeding back to others in my team. Looking further into information provided by Pyramid - possible training.

Follow up work with a local agency.

Working together as an East Midlands Region Parent Partnership again.

Follow up links and develop partnerships.

Nice to see what is going on in Region. Also found out about schools in my own area.

Would like to follow up work with parents especially CAF.

Attending another conference (presenting) as a result of networking. Following up on lots of interest in our project.

Thinking about the way I could work with parents in future using activities with their children, doing course with both parents and young people on issues such as self esteem and sexual health.

Consider fathers in all parenting work and how to encourage them.

Have made several good contacts with organisations involved directly in parent support.

Considering a change in career.

Panels, ASB Families.

Talking to/contacting other agencies offering same/similar in other authorities to share knowledge/ experiences

Sharing information in team meeting. As item agenda (to raise working with fathers - are we being pro-active enough?)

Share with BME colleague ideas gained from today for engaging with BME community.

From workshop C3 I will speak to my manager regarding this training - for myself and team. Good to know what is going on in this area of work and be aware of what to look forward to in future.

Make the rest of the team aware of services. Look at talking to management about the inclusion of fathers

Sharing information from the event with colleagues and following up contacts from the stands.

Taking more things into consideration when working with parents i.e. sibling/family centered activities.

Using my knowledge to enable others to access the agencies available.

I particularly liked the workshop round the Pyramid model. Will be using ideas gained as children's centre is developed

Information sharing via a team meeting.

Looking to explore some new ideas in my LA.

Developing direction - we have already set for ourselves - we (luckily) are not too far away from where we need to be.

Some networking in Northamptonshire and Leicester between my organisation and others.

Sharing information with colleagues.

A clear picture of move to multi-agency working and putting family at centre. What a lot of pilot projects.

Following through lots of contacts from today.

Putting things into practice. Ensure all staff are aware of what is happening out there.

Challenging re fathers/support/male worker.

Talking to my team/department about the exciting initiatives I have heard about and whether these can be built into our services

Signingposting information to extended services schools.

Working harder to involve voluntary sector agencies in meeting needs of children and their parents.

Establish better communication with schools and get a better understanding of family-based initiatives in school.

Working with Dads!! Thanks for some much needed awareness raising.

I come as an exhibitor and have made some excellent contacts. I went into the Parents and Healthy Schools workshop which was very

Sharing information with colleagues - useful to find out about practice across region.

Contacting 2 of the workshop leaders for more details/meeting. Modifying aspects of our Business Plan and increase range of workers

I hoping to do a presentation to Leicestershire community schools around learning disability and work of Mencap. Also to pass on

models of good working to colleagues. Also meeting Notts Mencap Chair to feedback on work and make contact with Park School at

Continue plugging that parents and families are important.

Take information back to projects.

What can we learn as we plan similar multi-agency events for the future?

As we are from Derby we feel that further services from this area could be invited in order to network with them.

Some of the workshops had more than one presentation that we missed out on due to attending another.

The food was lovely but in short supply. The idea of a rolling buffet would work if the quantity was better matched to need. More snacks/biscuits/fruit available alongside the great drink supply. Time between workshops was rushed so people grumbled more than

Keep it informal. Workshops rather than lots of speakers worked well.

Well done - realise there is an issue in contacting voluntary sector groups - need to find people who hold this knowledge and

Time to be built in for a set lunch period.

Possible repetitions of seminars to allow attendance instead of being forced to choose.

Found today's seminar to be geared towards the education sector, and would have liked more variety, health, social services, children

A little rushed - not enough time to look around and chat to other professionals after their talks.

Re-look at size of workshop rooms - allow for repeats later in the day. All workshops I attended were full - not excluding Men United.

Nice to find out what other initiatives/professionals and departments were already implementing.

Would have liked some more inter-active workshops, activities.

Well organised - lovely lunch.

Keep up with the good standards and organisation as there was today.

Worked well.

Longer needed for workshops - perhaps 1 hour. Bigger space for displays.

Popularity of workshops.

Keep as many people involved as is possible.

Great seminars but needed time to eat in a relaxed way.

I think the format of the day was excellent, one of the best I have attended in a long time.

Think it was well planned and organised, loved the free relaxed flow of day with rolling buffet. Workshop based day more interesting.

Think this a great way to do a conference. Thank you!

That multi agency events do make a difference and this work should always continue.

Stagger lunch and put in different parts of the room.

Thought informal feeling for day was appropriate and enabled people to feel relaxed and able to communicate and network.

It was a good way of running the event - maybe a food ticket would have been good as not much food left for those who went late - colt

To learn that everyone is part of a service and not to be judgemental about which gender services are targeted towards, especially from a personal experience, and more about how we all can involve the family as a whole.

A short gap in the day from workshops to enable more networking.

Excellent way of sharing regional good practice. Useful to have a Government representative to give the national policy vision.

Set lunch break.

Seminars were all good to the point of brief. One or two were too much information.

Maybe identify those projects or pilots that are similar and pull out some linkages/differences in approach.

Maybe a bit more delivery to all delegates.

More VCS speaker/presentation - would have been better had there been more VCS involvement as seemed rather under-represented

Make them multi-agency across all sectors. Thanks - thought it was good, informative and the informal approach really worked well in

Commitment is there but what is actually happening is still patchy.

Difficult to take in information about organisations not family with. Displays very wordy.

Longer to look around exhibition. Plan paper for written notes. Longer between workshops. More lunch.

Little from Nottinghamshire.

Good work, need to look at Sure Start Integration with Early Years. Ensure parents are invited to these seminars

Perhaps search into local area, for similar project.

Who else to invite? I only got to come as my manager couldn't and I'm so glad.

More of the same/similar please!

Venue was good (once we had found it). The seminar sessions covered a wide range of topics. The seminar rooms were all well organised and comfortable. Tea/coffee arrangements were very welcome!

Rolling programme with maximum workshops works very well. Informality also good.

The relaxed atmosphere worked well, well organised. The information being available on a website after is very useful

Keep up the good work.

Multi-agency events very necessary and informative. Showcasing of work, learning from others. Need to organise buffet differently

Lunch great - a little too good - not enough as people went back twice.

I would like to see more organisations connected with children and SEN/Disability as they have a lot of knowledge and expertise which will enrich and support the universal and targeted services.

This format works - the venue helped because there was so much room.

What support would you appreciate in helping to improve partnership working with parents and families?

Ideas of how to engage hard to reach families. Due to living in an extremely diverse, multicultural part of Derby City, we find it extremely difficult to communicate with all parents and carers, without spending money these parents miss out, any support or ideas would be

Being kept informed about what is available for parents.

More multi-agency events like this matched to all the government initiatives e.g. extended schools - play strategy and parenting

My role as a school nurse encompasses the parenting issues but is not always quantifiable - the PSA has strong responsibility in their job remit for advising and supporting parents. As a school nurse with a large responsibility in a lot of areas - across primary and

Access to equipment, laptop, mobiles, office space, interview space, dedicated parent area in school.

Parenting programmes.

More direct support in working with men and fathers. Longer programmes and more intensive projects.

More inter-agency contacts e.g. professionals leaving contact information on attendance sheet to take away.

More multi-agency meetings.

Training re working to best engage fathers in our team's role with families.

Utilise some of the ideas promoted and implement them on a professional basis.

More events! Networking I feel is an excellent opportunity to improve partnership working. Many thanks!

Funding to enable services to expand and cover all areas. A big request, I know, but there were so many excellent services seen today

Make sure that all aspects of working with parents are included!

More of the good practice.

Get headteachers in to hear about how to work with agencies and parents.

Being able to link up with others - this has been a good networking tool. Maybe a parenting network in Nottingham where we can link

Notification of workshops, steering groups, local and community events of organisations involved with parents and families.

To ensure the people at the top listen to agencies who do engage successfully with parents and families and provide more funding to

Events like this.

Better/more training for voluntary sector on the CAF and how to use it - seems a loophole at present. There is an expectation to use

Contact details for those with the stands. Follow-on learning sets for the key issues developed in this section.

Development of some 'open days' of some of the projects in their home settings so we could go to see them and parents. More

identification of learning curves so we don't all make the same mistakes.

Themed working groups (Nottingham City already has) and context regionally/nationally. E-groups/forums.

Knowing "where" each region is as it all works very separately despite being close neighbours.

Recognise value of partnerships across sectors and continue to fund voluntary sector.

Someone who co-ordinates all the ventures. There are lots of people doing same/similar activities.

More practical examples.

More days like this - to hear about what is going on and what is working.

Workshops and new government ideas, including Qualifications.

Yes - working in partnership will make a lot of difference for service users also for professional workers to improve clients life and

More events like this - fantastic.

More scope to pilot initiatives.

Directory of projects in the region to enable us to share information and consult on similar projects.

Updates on new initiatives (local and national).

Mentoring for parents who want to be involved in LA strategic planning and commissioning of services.

Focussed and targeted publicity using local roadshows.

More input on how to get/access funding.

Website information on events/seminars - publications. Examples of good practice and funding.

Please take parents and families seriously!

Circulated information via e-mail is useful.

Other comments:

Very nice food, well organised, good length of presentations.

Needed a set break for lunch - I was worried about missing something.

Good range of workshops, however it was a shame that we had to miss some - perhaps fewer but repeated workshops would solve this. Also it was rushed between workshops resulting in less networking time.

Liked the informal nature of the day. Excellent venue - but ran out of vegetarian food! People had gone round twice.

Better variety of drinks needed.

I liked the workshop idea but would have been good to have 5 or 10 mins between them for toilet/food etc.

Didn't want to miss anything!

CAF very good.

Bigger rooms for seminars.

Healthy Eating good. CAF very good. Northants.

Venue good but lack of planning apparent - rooms too small for sessions, no proper time allocated for lunch break significantly reduced

Great food but needed bigger workshop rooms.

More time between workshop, found it quite rushed, especially if you were speaking with someone from a stand, needed to rush off. No

Rooms a little small for amount of people attending talks.

Although rushed I found the pace quite enlightening - so much to see and so much choice to dip into.

Like lots of opportunity for networking with others in different areas particularly Leicester.

Space - nice area with plenty of room to network and view stands. Food excellent! Sound - very good system.

The way day was arranged worked well.

Liked the unusual format! Traffic a nightmare.

Although the venue was great the breakout rooms needed to be bigger.

Very good standard of service.

A bit rushed with no proper time for food.

Irene's workshop (Extending Schools) great delivery, lively, funny and interesting. Fathers' Session - interesting, food for thought. The

Timings of whole day including workshops and breaks were the best bit as well as the actual venue.

Fantastic day - keep up the good work.

Bus Numbers would have been useful for venue - directions for non car users.

Directions to venue could have been better! Food excellent. Tea/coffee etc on tap all day. Excellent, well organised

Workshop C3 - Parent Partnership Service. Family Nurse Practitioner's Pilot programme.

Everything has been really informative and helpful. Some really good ideas to go away with.

It was hard to find enough time to go round all the stands so it would be good to have a 30mins/1 hr slot built in the day for this.

Good opportunity for professionals to network. Not just reserved for one county. Needs to be more interactive.

There was a lot of information given out and this weighed heavily on the brain. Tiredness/sleepiness was the result.

We weren't sent directions and there was no number to call so arrived late! Also room cramped. Not enough food, when I went at 1pm -

no food left. Venue was quite good though, clean and comfortable.

A biscuit with the coffee! It was a shame that we couldn't experience more than 4 workshops - but you can't have it all ways!

Very relaxed, which was good.

Workshops were too much being talked at, not enough participation (though 45 is a challenge!).

Amazed there were no workshops from voluntary sector - apart from late changes - why??

Free flow day and the food - good variety of workshops.

More examples of actual improvements in outcomes for children and how to evaluate these.

Longer break for lunch as all workshops could not be attended.

Felt very rushed. Food - felt like only the dregs left. Too fussy, not know which items contained what.

Very well organised. Good variety of workshops.

See for us - need up to date travel information (A52 closed) Extended Services workshops - needed to focus on parents and how

All ok.

Very useful information information on working in partnership.

Organisation of lunch and timing between sessions - one after another.

A really informative day... Thank you. Hospitality was awesome and venue ideal.

Really enjoyed the seminar in parts but felt as multi agency workers the childrens' centres were judged and criticised heavily in front of

Lunch would have moved faster if the queue could pass either side of the tables.

Location map/directions weren't sufficiently detailed. Could some thought be given to reduce the queues for food?

Thanks for a very good day.

Had a really great day, good company, lots on offer and well looked after too!

Food very good but could have done with longer to eat between workshops.

Variety of stall/topics - BEST.

Liked the informality and chance to network. Seminars excellent.

I really enjoyed moving round to so many workshops - this has worked very well.

Fantastic service from the Vineyard.