



Working with Parents

Time	9.30am - 4.30pm (9.00am for registration)
Duration	1-day
Who for	Qualified and unqualified field social workers, social work assistants and 'ready for practice students.
Aims and Objectives	The course is aimed at providing participants with the skills and tools for working with parents, including those who are reluctant to work with the Department. The course is rooted in solution oriented practice but introduces ideas from different disciplines. The course aims to identify core values and principles in working with parents. It aims to build on what practitioners have tried and has worked in practice as a way to developing their confidence and creativity.
Learning Outcomes	By the end of this course participant will gain: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A framework and process for practice – including 'cycle of change'.• What helps parents make changes – core assumptions and elements of practice, including solution oriented practice?• Importance of questions - keeping parents 'central' to the change effort.• Building a 'platform for change'• Getting alongside and engaging with parents – listening to the family's story, using 'genograms', written agreements.• Building bridges between views and - managing anger and encouraging motivation.• Developing programs of work and interventions – key principles, negotiating useful goals, use of tasks, creativity.• Importance of feedback and evaluation.
Facilitator	Marian Nyman
To apply	please send a completed application form to Professional Development Unit (CSS), Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford TN24 8XU. Telephone bookings are not accepted.

