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The Award and Certificate in Work with Parents have been designed to equip those working with parents with the necessary skills and knowledge required to support parents in their parenting role.

Completing this qualification will enable the learner to support parents in improving their understanding of their own role and their children's social, emotional, intellectual and physical needs and the context of family life.

WHO IS THE QUALIFICATION FOR?

The qualification aims to:

- Provide learners working with parents with the essential skills and knowledge required to support parents in their parenting role.
- Provide 'top-up' training and continuous professional development opportunities for staff working in the sector.
- Provide experienced practitioners with recognition for their experience, knowledge and skills.
- Equip front line parenting staff with practical skills and knowledge to work with parents effectively.

Learners at **level 2** may be parents themselves who have been through parenting courses and are now parenting mentors, or they may work as part of a team supporting a level 3 practitioner.

Learners at **level 3** may be in roles which include delivering frontline services to parents/carers in children's centres and/or extended schools. The units can be used to accredit the skills and knowledge they have. Learners may progress on to level 4 or on to other qualifications and training in a related field such as family learning, trainer/adult educator, community development work, youth and community development work, Connexions, children's centre parenting co-ordinator etc.

Learners at **level 4** may be managers or potential managers who are working in a managing capacity delivering parenting services. This qualification is for those

practitioners that may want to move across a wide range of settings that support parents effectively in their parenting role.

QUALIFICATION STRUCTURE

The Work with Parents qualification is on the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF). This means that learners can accumulate credits by taking the units and can choose whether to take an award at levels: 2, 3 and 4; or a certificate at level 3.

More information about the structure can be found in the qualification handbook, available to download from the Work with Parents web page.

HOW IS THE QUALIFICATION DELIVERED AND ASSESSED?

The units are assessed by a portfolio of evidence with the exception of learners taking optional unit 310: Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector. Learners taking this unit will be observed directly by a qualified tutor and peers delivering a 30 minute micro teaching session in addition to completing one theory and one practical assessment.

Each unit has been broken down into specific learning outcomes and assessment criteria. The learner must produce sufficient evidence for each of the learning outcomes as indicated in the unit guidance within the qualification handbook.

PROGRESSION

Completing the qualification enables many opportunities for career development. Learners may also be interested in further learning. Qualifications that may be of interest include:

- Certificate or S/NVQs in Children's Care, Learning and Development (3177/3171)
- Leadership and Management in Care services (3078)
- NVQ Youth Work (9248).

KEY POINTS

- Designed for practitioners working with parents in a full range of settings.
- Provides learners working with parents with the essential skills and knowledge required to support parents in their parenting role.
- Provides 'top-up' training and continuous professional development opportunities for staff.
- Provides experienced practitioners with recognition for their experience, knowledge and skills.
- Recognised by the workforce and service regulators across the UK.

WHAT IS MY NEXT STEP?

For more information please visit our Work with Parents web page at www.cityandguilds.com/childrenandyoungpeople

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