



How is Training Delivered?

Training is delivered by Parent Partnership Co-ordinators. They have experience of working with parents and professionals and are experienced tutors and facilitators.

Where and when is Training Delivered?

We try to offer training in different parts of the County. The next training is being offered in Stowmarket.

How Much Does It Cost?

The training is absolutely free to prospective volunteers! Parent Partnership will provide lunch on training days.

Want To Know More?

Contact Suffolk Parent Partnership Service on 01473 264698/9 for further information. Dates for the next IPS Training Programme can be found below.

Independent Parental Supporter Training 2010 OCN accreditation available

Unit 1

Thursday 16th September
Thursday 30th September
Thursday 7th October
Thursday 14th October
Thursday 21st October

Unit 2

Thursday 11th November
Thursday 18th November
Thursday 25th November
Thursday 2nd December

Each session will be 9.30 a.m to 2.30 p.m.

There will also be individual tutorials on Thursday 4th November

Venue: The Kingsfield Centre, Stowmarket



Achieving Effective Partnerships with Parents

Independent Parental Supporter Training

with

Suffolk Parent Partnership Service

The Suffolk Parent Partnership Independent Parental Support Network offers an invaluable service to parents, who can often feel overwhelmed by the systems and processes within education.

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What Does the Parent Partnership Service Offer?

The Parent Partnership Service offers the opportunity to train as an Independent Parental Supporter. Supporters work on a voluntary basis offering parents help and support on educational issues.

Training as an Independent Parental Supporter (IPS) will enable you to:

- Encourage and enable parents/carers to be involved as partners in their children's education
- Give space and time to listen to parents/carers and support them in expressing their views on their children's education
- Support parents/carers in accessing relevant and up to date educational information
- Go through procedures and choices with parents/carers regarding their children's education
- Help with forms, letters and reports to schools, Local Authorities and other educational organisations
- Support parents/carers at meetings in relation to their child's education

As a member of the Parent Partnership Independent Parental Supporter network you will:

- Be part of a local area network supported by the Parent Partnership Service
- Receive regular up-dates, supervision and training/development opportunities
- Be paid expenses including travel, refreshments, related phone calls etc
- Be covered by county insurance and procedures designed for your personal safety

Who is the training designed for?

The training is for

- Anyone who has the skills and personal qualities to provide parents with objective and informed support.
- Those who would like to support parents to be active partners in their children's education.
- Those who would like to gain a recognised accreditation and experience in this area of work. (Open College Network accredited).
- The training will also be valuable to those already working in a support role with parents or families.

What does the training cover?

The training consists of **9 full day sessions, and one individual tutorial.** It covers

- The Role of the IPS
- Law and Guidance
- Schools and Early Years (including admissions)
- Statutory Procedures (including statutory assessment and statements)
- Reviews (annual reviews and transition planning)
- Other services (including appeals and mediation)
- Personal Health and Safety training

Other Information

IPS's who wish to volunteer for the Parent Partnership Service will be expected to complete an application form and undergo a Criminal Records Bureau check because of the nature of the work.

Volunteers are also expected to complete a certain amount of paperwork in the form of casework records