

Parenting Implementation Project – more details

We have already explained how the Parenting Implementation Project will work in principle and everyone involved seemed to be happy with this process. Now, we have finished our thinking on the details and wanted to make sure that you were all ok with this as well.

What we're offering:

- Up to 10 days consultancy support per Local Authority
- All day meetings every two months in London until March 2009
- Two national conferences for all 150 Local Authorities
- Two DCSF and consultant-run workshops in the nine regions
- Opportunity to influence meeting agendas to focus on LA priorities and interest areas
- Innovation Fund – see below for more details

What we're expecting from the Local Authorities:

- Attendance at all of the meetings in London until March 2009
- Leading workshops at the national conferences (with consultancy support)
- Commitment to the project between meetings

Meetings in London:

As Local Authorities make progress on their projects, they will be asked to share learning with the rest of the group, either through presentations, workshops, papers or by other means. We won't expect any of the Local Authorities to be ready to do this until at least autumn 2008 so the earlier meetings will have more input from DCSF and external speakers and will involve planning sessions, table discussions. The later meetings will involve presentations etc from Local Authorities on progress and a chance to share good practice. If any area would like the opportunity to present at an earlier meeting, please do let us know.

The National Conferences:

We have provisionally planned to have two national conferences in early November 2008 and April 2009 to share the learning in the project, talk about progress, get feedback from other Local Authorities and hear about related Government initiatives. We are very keen for the workshops at these events to be interactive, informative and mostly run by the PIP Local Authorities rather than the DCSF although we will offer as much support as necessary.

We will start planning for the first national conference in autumn 2008.

Innovation Fund:

Local Authorities do not receive funding for participating in the Parenting Implementation Project but there is an Innovation Fund which is a small pot of money that areas can access if funding is a necessary part of a project. Local Authorities will need to put together costings on how much funding they need and the DCSF will do its best to meet as many requests as possible.

Information dissemination:

We aim to share the information from this project in as many useful ways as possible and plan to do this throughout the project rather than saving it until the end. We will share information through: emails; the Local Authority newsletter; the Government Office newsletter; on the Every Child Matters website; Government Office Regional Network Meetings (see below); national conferences etc.

If you are aware of any other routes to use, please let us know.

We aim to use the existing Government Office Regional Network Meetings over the course of the project, in line with Government Office Parenting Leads and CSAs, to disseminate learning and also to encourage sharing from other Local Authorities who not taking part in the project. We would expect the two Local Authorities from each region to attend these all day meetings as joint facilitators with the consultants to share their experiences and to help run workshops.

Final product:

We will produce a 'Practice Framework' at the end of the project which will consist of a combination of guidance, detailed case studies, and 'tools' eg an outcomes framework for working with parents. A DCSF communications expert will put these products together but we do want it to be led by the Local Authorities and we will be asking for short case studies to be written up on all of the projects.

We will start to collate information for this from autumn 2008.