FAMILY MATTERS YORK

Five years developing relationship education across York

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How we began

- A group of concerned couples
- Two city meetings
- Early mornings!
- A launch: June 2000

Setting up the Structures

- Family Matters York
- Strap Line

3 Priorities:

- Marriage Preparation
- Life Skills
- Parenting

Marriage Preparation

- FOCCUS
- The Register Office
- Churches
- Mentor Couples



Parenting

- Posters
- Positive Parenting
- One Stop Tasters
- Courses
- Schools, Churches and Community



Funding

- Core funding (LCD and DfES)
- Other funding
- Office base in the city centre
- Staff
- Equipment

The Voluntary Sector – partners!

- CVS and NYFVO
- Other groups and charities
- Networking



Local Flexibility

- Bite Size
- Sure Start
- Special local events
- eg City Learning Festival
 Wedding Fairs
 Workplace education promotions

Developments: MONEY

Developing Courses

- "Making ends meet"
- Students
- Family Learning
- Prison workshops

Training

- Family Mentors
- York CAB
- Budget Counsellors



Developments: Couple Relationships

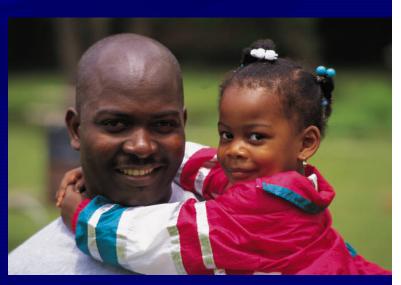
- Register Office
- FOCCUS on-line
- Baby Shock
- HTB Marriage
 Course
- Couples in Crisis



Developments Parenting

- Time out for Dads
- Special Needs
- 2 more posters





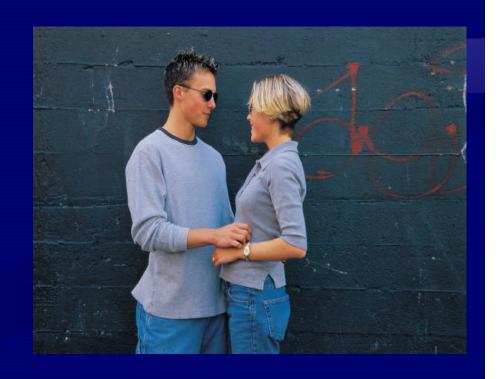
Developments - Prisons

2003

 Pilot at Askham Grange Women's Prison

2005

North East Region development



Publicity

General

- Minster FM and BBC Radio York
- Yorkshire Evening Press

Marriage Preparation

Trevor McDonald ITV

The Marriage Course

Radio 2 John Peel Home Truths

Baby Shock

- Woman's Hour
- Nursing Standard
- Tyne Tees TV

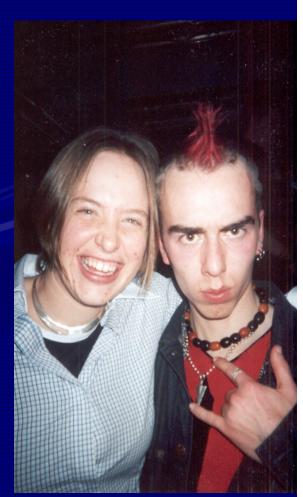
Strategy days

- Reflection
 - vision
 - aims
 - strategy eg. new strap line
 - objectives
- Forward planning
 - choosing what to do and what not to do

Latest Project – hot off the press!

Evaluate - informing choice

First initiative with children



Relationship Skills for Life