

FRAMING IDEAS FOR Impactful Partnership

Diverse impacts
 Small things with big effects
 Mind-expanding
 Intimate outsiders
 Evolving art

Revision

Building impactful relationships is an expansive process, and involves helpers becoming intimate outsiders in family life. It is an evolving art that is never the same twice, but has some key elements that were found consistently in the study. Helper-parent relationships may need to be repaired after a rupture, just like those between parents and children.

For more information on the key concepts and findings relating to this worksheet see: [creating-better-futures.org/](https://www.creating-better-futures.org/)

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1. Key concepts – check your understanding

In your own words, explain what each of the ways of building impactful partnership relationships means and who it applies to, and make connections to the framing ideas for impactful partnership where you can:

Earning acceptance:

Helping families value themselves:

Subtle intervention:

Obvious intervention:

Repair after rupture when needed

2. Linking ideas to practice

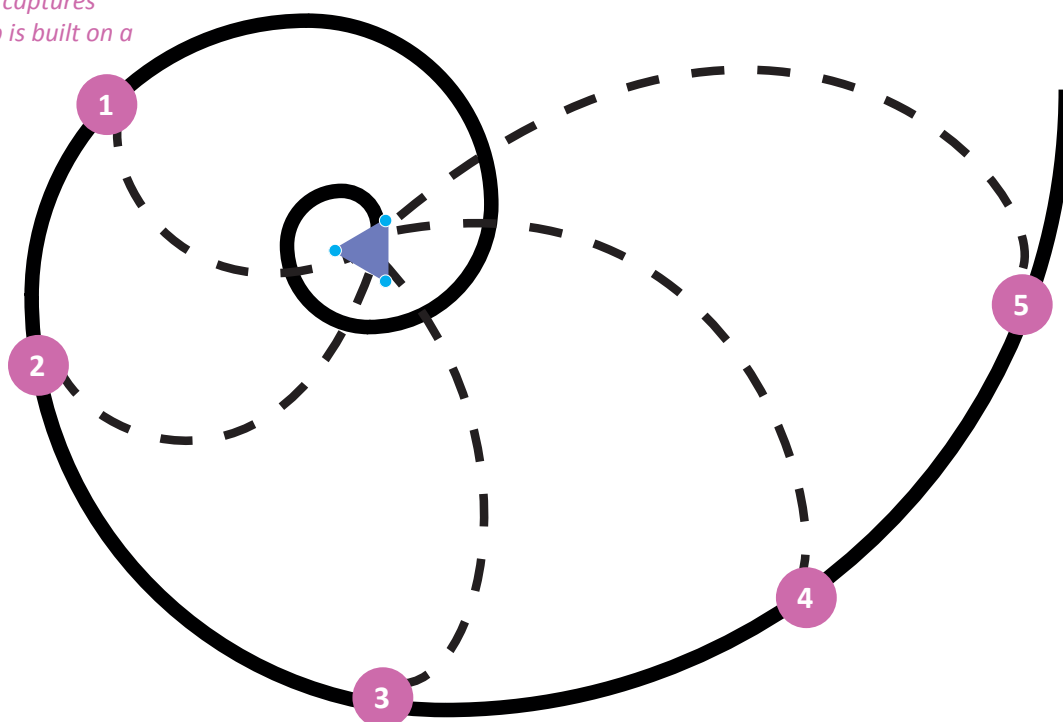
Now you have the concepts in mind, the next step is to connect them to your practice:

Concept	How it relates to my practice – think of a family you are working with, and say how each dot on the spiral connects back to the essence
Earning acceptance	
Helping families value themselves	
Subtle intervention	
Obvious intervention	
Repair after rupture when needed	

3. Understanding the diagram

The spiral represents partnership-building as an expansive, evolving process. At the centre is the essence of partnership – help, challenge and possibility (see Essential ingredients of partnership). The outward movement of the spiral links to the idea of partnership as mind-expanding (see Living partnership practices). The spiral loops around, showing that the helper and parent never visit the same issue twice from exactly the same relational basis.

If this diagram doesn't make sense to you, draw something that captures how impactful partnership is built on a separate sheet.



4. Working with the diagram

Think of a family you have worked with recently and map the issues you addressed along the spiral to represent the evolving process in which the partnership was built.

5. Enhancing your practice

On a separate sheet:

1. Choose two of the *Questions for reflective practice* (see right) and write your answer on a separate piece of paper. If they don't quite work you can adapt them.
2. Look at the *Questions to adapt and ask with parents* (see right). Think of a family you are working with or have recently finished working with. Choose two questions you think you could use or adapt to ask the parents, and explain why these might be important, and what you think they might say in response.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTIVE PRACTICE

What have I done to gain acceptance as an intimate outsider with this family?

What have I done to help the parents value their knowledge, experience, and capacity as parents?

What subtle and obvious interventions have I offered?

What has helped me gain acceptance of nervous families in the past?

How did I decide which subtle and obvious interventions to use when working with similar families in the past?

What could strengthen this family's acceptance of me so that we can extend help, challenge and possibility?

What could I do to help families recognise more value and worth in themselves?

What subtle or obvious interventions seem likely to deliver positive outcomes on what matters to the family?

What has made you feel comfortable in working with me?

If I asked someone who knows you well what your strengths are, what would they say?

What have you been doing or thinking about differently?

How did you cope with challenges in the past?

When you were engaged in actions relating to a strategy or intervention we planned, did you notice any effects?

What would make you feel more comfortable in terms of how we work together?

What is the problem that you most want to focus on right now?

If you look into your future and things are better, what is different about you and your family?

QUESTIONS TO ADAPT AND ASK WITH PARENTS