



Are you from a school or an organisation that believes parents have an important role to play in supporting their children's learning? Would you like to attend resource-based training to learn how to facilitate a course for parents of young children?

Since 2006, Wordworks has been training teachers and community facilitators to run an 8-session course for parents of children aged 5 to 8 years, through our *Home-School Partnership Programme* (HSPP). In this time, over 3500 parents have graduated from parent courses and as a result are more knowledgeable about early learning and feel more confident to support their children. Teachers report that their children participate more in class and show progress in their reading and writing. We have also found that when teachers run the courses, parents feel more connected to their children's school, and relationships improve.

Your school/ECD centre/ organisation can now apply to attend the next training to start the *Home-School Partnership Programme*. To be eligible to attend the training, you will need to have the support of your management/principal and have access to a suitable venue. Three to four teachers/facilitators will need to attend a two day training and commit to running a course of weekly workshops for parents starting in February 2017 (8 x 2.5 hour workshops). Careful records of attendance will need to be kept, and a short report will need to be sent to Wordworks at the end of the eight week course.

Costs: Our donors will sponsor the costs of your training and resources, and will pay for your parents to receive resources. However, we do not have any budget for your transport or accommodation for the 2 day facilitator training. We can also not pay facilitators to run the 8-week course for parents. Most HSPP facilitators either work for an organisation or are teachers who volunteer to work with parents because they can see the benefit for children.

Application Process: To apply please complete the attached application form and return it to info@wordworks.org.za. The deadline for applications is the 31st of July 2016. We will notify you in August 2016 if you have a place on the next facilitator's training. The orientation will be in October 2016, and the 2-day training will take place in February/March 2017.