

TRIPLE P DISCUSSION GROUPS

WHAT IS TRIPLE P DISCUSSION GROUPS?

The Triple P Discussion Group Series includes parent discussion groups on commonly encountered problems such as disobedience, fighting and aggression, and managing situations such as shopping with children, mealtimes and bedtime. The discussion groups are designed to provide an overview of the positive parenting principles for any interested parent. Parents are actively involved throughout the 2-hour small group format discussions.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Parents or carers with a specific concern about their child's behavior. They are most likely to benefit when their concerns are around a relatively discreet, mild to moderate behavioral issue and when parents can independently implement parenting plans that are generated during each session. They are also encouraged to apply new parenting skills to other problems that may arise.

WHAT IS COVERED IN SESSIONS WITH PARENTS?

Topic 1: Dealing with disobedience

This discussion topic provides examples of common forms of disobedience and some reasons why children have difficulty learning to follow instructions. A number of positive parenting strategies are then introduced to help parents develop a personal plan to prevent disobedience, teach their child limits, and also to manage disobedience when necessary.

Topic 2: Managing fighting and aggression

During this discussion topic, parents are encouraged to share their experiences of aggressive and destructive behavior from their children and discuss some of the reasons children fight. This topic covers the skills that children need to be able to cooperate and get along with others. Parents learn how to teach skills such as sharing, communicating, and being gentle. They also prepare plans to manage times when fighting and aggression do occur.

Topic 3: Developing good bedtime routines

This discussion topic explores different problems parents commonly face at bedtime and some of the reasons why they happen. The skills children need to get into a good bedtime routine are discussed and parents are introduced to positive parenting strategies to help prevent problems. The approaches to encouraging children to stay in their own bed throughout the night are discussed: the gentle, the gradual, and the direct approach. All approaches are evidence-based and parents choose which approach suits them best.

Topic 4: Hassle-free shopping with children

This discussion topic uses shopping trips as an example of one of the most common times parents have to deal with difficult behavior in public. Positive parenting strategies are discussed as step-by-step suggestions for preventing problems and teaching children how to behave on shopping trips. Parents develop individualized plans to manage problem behavior during their own shopping trips and are encouraged to transfer new parenting strategies to other potentially difficult community situations.

Topic 5: Hassle-free mealtimes with children

This discussion topic explores things that influence children's mealtime behavior, setting limits and teaching children good mealtime habits. Parents will look at ways to increase food variety, be introduced to some positive parenting strategies to help manage mealtimes and develop a personal plan for their family's mealtimes.

HOW MUCH TIME IS NEEDED TO DELIVER THE INTERVENTION?

In addition to each discussion group, the practitioner should allow time for preparation and supervision. Please see the table below for an approximate timeframe for delivering the program.

CONSULTATION TIME	2 hours
PRE AND POST ASSESSMENTS — QUESTIONNAIRE SCORING AND FEEDBACK*	n/a
TELEPHONE SUPPORT OR HOME VISIT	Optional
SESSION PREPARATION AND POST-SESSION DEBRIEF/SUPERVISION	1 hour
CASE NOTES AND REPORT WRITING**	1 hour (10 families, 6 minutes each)
TOTAL TIME	4 hours per group

*An additional 2-3 minutes per family should be allowed for reviewing the Client Satisfaction Questionnaire (CSQ) at the end of the intervention.

**Not including comprehensive reports for government agencies.

