

GROUP TRIPLE P

WHAT IS GROUP TRIPLE P?

A broad-based parenting intervention delivered over eight weeks for parents of children up to 12-years. The program involves five (2-hour) group sessions of up to 12 parents. Parents actively participate in a range of exercises to learn about the causes of child behavior problems, setting specific goals, and using strategies to promote child development, manage misbehavior, and plan for high-risk situations. Then there are three (15 to 30 minute) individual (telephone) consultations to assist parents with independent problem solving while they are practising the skills at home.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Parents or caregivers interested in promoting their child's development and potential or they may have concerns about their child's mild to moderate level of behavioral problems or simply wish to prevent behavior problems from developing. Parents who have completed lower level interventions and have not achieved the goals they want, may benefit from a Group Triple P intervention. Parents need to be able to commit to all eight sessions.

WHAT IS COVERED IN SESSIONS WITH PARENTS?

Session 1: Positive parenting

This session provides parents with an introduction to positive parenting, why children behave as they do, and how to set goals for change. Parents submit a completed assessment booklet at the beginning of this session.

Session 2: Helping children develop

During this session, the practitioner discusses how to develop good relationships with children, how to encourage good behavior, and the four strategies for how parents can teach their children new skills and behaviors.

Session 3: Managing misbehavior

During this session, the practitioner offers additional strategies to assist parents with managing misbehavior during this session. Parents will also learn to develop parenting routines to promote compliance and manage non-compliance from their children. They have an opportunity to rehearse these routines during the session.

Session 4: Planning ahead

This session covers family survival tips, identifying high-risk situations that still cause concern, and how to develop planning ahead routines to promote good child behavior in high risk situations (e.g. shopping, learning how to take turns, fighting with siblings, getting ready for school). Parents also prepare for their individual consultations during this session.

Session 5-7: Using positive parenting strategies 1-3

The practitioner provides feedback from initial assessments that the family completed and then uses the self-regulatory feedback model to help parents review their implementation of planning ahead routines for their high-risk situations. From this, parents set goals for further refinement of their routines, if needed.

Session 8: Program close

Parents return for a final group session to review progress, look at ways to maintain changes and plan for the future, and to close the program. If necessary, referral options are discussed.

WHAT RESOURCES DO PARENTS RECEIVE?

Each family receives a copy of Every Parent's Group Workbook. This workbook provides them with the content of all sessions, space to complete written exercises, and an outline of all homework tasks.

Please see the table below for the expected program resources required when Triple P is adopted as part of core business.

NUMBER OF INTERVENTIONS PER YEAR	3 groups
NUMBER OF FAMILIES PER INTERVENTION	10 families per group
RESOURCES PER FAMILY	1 x Every Parent's Group Workbook
TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES	30 families
TOTAL RESOURCES PER YEAR	30 x Every Parent's Group Workbook

HOW MUCH TIME IS NEEDED TO DELIVER THE INTERVENTION?

In addition to consultations, the practitioner should allow time for preparing for the sessions and/or supervision. Please see the table below for an approximate delivery guideline time for each group.

CONSULTATION TIME	10 hours (2 hours per session for 5 weeks)
QUESTIONNAIRE SCORING AND FEEDBACK - PRE AND POST ASSESSMENT*	5 hours
TELEPHONE SUPPORT OR HOME VISIT	15 hours (10 families, 30 minutes each week for 3 weeks)
SESSION PREPARATION AND POST-SESSION DEBRIEF/SUPERVISION	5 hours
CASE NOTES AND REPORT WRITING**	5 hours
TOTAL TIME	40 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.



WHAT IS INVOLVED IN PROVIDER TRAINING?

To provide Group Triple P to families, practitioners must have completed an approved active skills training program and demonstrated their knowledge and competence in program delivery through a skills-based accreditation process. The table below provides an estimate of the time commitment for practitioners to attend training and support days, as well as time needed for preparation and peer support.

NUMBER OF TRAINING DAYS (9.00AM - 4.30PM)	3 days
PRE- ACCREDITATION DAY (9.00AM - 4.30PM)	1 day
PREPARATION TIME FOR ACCREDITATION DAY	4-6 hours (quiz and competency preparation)
ACCREDITATION DAY	Half day
PEER SUPPORT	2-3 hours (hourly meetings per month)
TOTAL TIME	6 days

DO PROVIDER PRE-REQUISITES APPLY?

No Triple P pre-requisites apply. However, it is desirable that practitioners have knowledge of child development to undertake this training.

WHAT ARE THE PROVIDER LEARNING OUTCOMES?

- Application of key parenting strategies to a broad range of target behaviors.
- Risk and protective factors operating within families.
- Strategies for promoting generalization and maintenance of behavior change.
- Use of active skills training strategies in a group format.
- Group dynamics and common process issues.
- Telephone support consultations with parents.
- Identification of indicators suggesting more intervention is required.
- Appropriate referral procedures.

WHAT RESOURCES DO PRACTITIONERS RECEIVE?

Each practitioner will receive a copy of the following Triple P practitioner resources at training:

- Facilitator's Kit for Group Triple P (includes Facilitator's Manual, CD with Group Triple P PowerPoint presentations, and Every Parent's Group Workbook).
- Every Parent's Survival Guide [DVD].