

**Inside Outside Family Matters**  
**Conference held in Slough on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2007**

This was the first major piece of dissemination of the Thames Valley Partnership's Family Matters programme – a regional conference whose aim was to:

'Demonstrate the benefits of the Thames Valley Partnership's Family Matters Programme which joins up support to children and families of offenders from the inside-out and from the outside-in'.

The event attracted a number of delegates from across the region and across agencies – from prison establishments through to Children's Centres and the key note speech was delivered by Hilary Armstrong MP ex cabinet minister for social exclusion. Due to Hilary's unavoidable late arrival the local MP Fiona McTaggart also gave an impromptu and challenging speech to start the day in a lively fashion.

The Family Matters model developed by the Partnership was shared with the audience and the multi-agency nature of the work was well demonstrated by the workshop leaders – in the interesting and wide-ranging workshops and the panel discussion and presentations after lunch.