



It has been said that living in a family can be a "risky business". Family work, while not for the faint-hearted or unskilled, can seem a risky proposition to some students and practitioners of social work. Yet work with families is an integral part of our day to day interactions with clients, for whether or not the family are physically present, they are continually making their presence felt.

"Home Improvements" - is a video teaching resource designed to help students and practitioners gain knowledge, tools and skills for their work with families. The video follows the Turner family through two sessions with experienced family work practitioners, Kara Coombes and Buster Curson.

The video shows the practitioners preparing for and debriefing after the sessions - and depicts the family in the process of making outward sense of their patterns of relating, and moving towards positive change. The video comes complete with a booklet to extend the teaching potential of this resource.

Running time 68 mins.

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