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- Family Learning and Education for Parenthood. Programmes, themes, methodologies and challenges;
- Promotion of education and cultural resources through partnerships between schools, family and local communities;
- Competencies, values and attitudes necessary to prevent social and learning inequalities/exclusion which might affect children, families and citizens;
- Strategies and methodologies to promote family-school-community partnerships;
- Policies and actions to ensure effective and democratic co-operation and dialogue among social actors to promote home-school-community links;
- Professional pre-service and in-service training for effective home-school-community partnerships

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