

# Hertfordshire SEND Parent Support

	<p><b>The Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer</b></p> <p>The Local Offer lets parents and young people know what special educational needs and disabilities services are available in Hertfordshire, and who can access them.</p> <p><a href="https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/Local-Offer/The-Hertfordshire-Local-Offer.aspx">https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/Local-Offer/The-Hertfordshire-Local-Offer.aspx</a></p>	
	<p><b>Hertfordshire Family Centre Services</b></p> <p>Support from Family Support Staff, Health Visitors, and School Nursing.</p> <p><a href="http://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/family-centres.aspx">www.hertsfamilycentres.org/family-centres.aspx</a></p>	
	<p><b>Childcare and free early education for 2-year-olds</b></p> <p>Find out if you are entitled to free childcare for your 2-year-old.</p> <p><a href="http://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds">www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds</a></p>	
	<p><b>Childcare and free early education for 3 and 4 year olds</b></p> <p>All 3 and 4-year-olds are entitled to either 15 hours or 30 hours of free education.</p> <p><a href="http://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds">www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds</a></p>	
	<p><b>Hertfordshire Directory</b></p> <p>The Childcare Finder is a tool to help you find childcare that meets your family's needs.</p> <p><a href="https://directory.hertfordshire.gov.uk/GuidedSearch/childcarefinder">https://directory.hertfordshire.gov.uk/GuidedSearch/childcarefinder</a></p>	
	<p><b>Health for Under 5s</b></p> <p>Useful information from trusted NHS professionals.</p> <p><a href="http://www.healthforunder5s.co.uk">www.healthforunder5s.co.uk</a></p>	

	<p><b>HAND – Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database</b></p> <p>Voluntary register of disabled children and young people aged 0-25. With discounts at places around the country (and beyond).</p> <p><a href="https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/courses-and-activities-in-hertfordshire/hertfordshire-additional-needs-database.aspx">https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/courses-and-activities-in-hertfordshire/hertfordshire-additional-needs-database.aspx</a></p>	
	<p><b>Send News</b></p> <p>Keeping you up to date with Hertfordshire SEND information.</p> <p><a href="https://sendnews.hertfordshire.gov.uk/">https://sendnews.hertfordshire.gov.uk/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Carers in Herts</b></p> <p>Provide information, problem solving and support. They also arrange a variety of ways for carers to have a voice and influence service improvements.</p> <p><a href="http://www.carersinherts.org.uk">www.carersinherts.org.uk</a></p>	
	<p><b>Contact</b></p> <p>Support for families with a disabled child.</p> <p><a href="http://www.contact.org.uk">www.contact.org.uk</a></p>	
	<p><b>Families in Focus</b></p> <p>Provides training information and therapeutic and emotional support to parents.</p> <p><a href="http://www.familiesinfocus.co.uk">www.familiesinfocus.co.uk</a></p>	
	<p><b>Herts Parent Carer Involvement</b></p> <p>Parent carer led organisation, aiming to improve services for children and young people aged 0-25 years who have special educational needs and/or disability.</p> <p><a href="http://www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk">www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk</a></p>	

	<p><b>Home-Start</b></p> <p>Home Start works with families in communities right across the UK. Tailored, no judgement, compassionate and confidential support.</p> <p><a href="https://www.home-start.org.uk/disability-and-illness">https://www.home-start.org.uk/disability-and-illness</a></p>	
	<p><b>Supporting Links</b></p> <p>Workshops and courses covering a range of topics such as 'Understanding Challenging Behaviour' and 'Talking Additional Needs'.</p> <p><a href="https://www.supportinglinks.co.uk/">https://www.supportinglinks.co.uk/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Children and Young People's Therapy Service Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust</b></p> <p>Advice and support, resources, training and contact details including an advice line linked to Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy.</p> <p><a href="https://www.hct.nhs.uk/children-and-young-people-integrated-therapy-service">https://www.hct.nhs.uk/children-and-young-people-integrated-therapy-service</a></p>	
	<p><b>Speech and Language UK</b></p> <p>A communication charity which offers advice and support about speech, language and communication needs.</p> <p><a href="https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/">https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Young Minds</b></p> <p>Support for all young people to get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.</p> <p><a href="http://www.youngminds.org.uk">www.youngminds.org.uk</a></p>	
	<p><b>Add-Vance</b></p> <p>Support for families with Children with ADHD and/or Autism.</p> <p><a href="http://www.add-vance.org">www.add-vance.org</a></p>	

 <p><b>Angels</b> AUTISM &amp; ADHD SUPPORT</p>	<p><b>Angels</b></p> <p>Support for families and children with ADHD and/or Autism.</p> <p><a href="http://www.angelssupportgroup.org.uk">www.angelssupportgroup.org.uk</a></p>	
 <p><b>SPACE</b></p>	<p><b>SPACE</b></p> <p>Support for families with children and young people who are neurodivergent.</p> <p><a href="http://www.spaceherts.org.uk">www.spaceherts.org.uk</a></p>	
 <p><b>Up On Downs</b></p>	<p><b>Up on Downs</b></p> <p>Support for families with children with Down Syndrome.</p> <p><a href="http://www.upondowns.com">www.upondowns.com</a></p>	
 <p><b>DS ACHIEVE</b></p>	<p><b>DS Achieve</b></p> <p>Support for families with children with Down Syndrome.</p> <p><a href="https://dsachieve.org">https://dsachieve.org</a></p>	
 <p><b>Hertfordshire FASD Support Network</b></p>	<p><b>Hertfordshire Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Support Network (FASD)</b></p> <p>For those who are affected by, caring for, or educating someone with FASD.</p> <p><a href="http://www.hertsfasd.org.uk">www.hertsfasd.org.uk</a></p>	
 <p><b>HERTS VISION LOSS</b> hertsvisionloss.org.uk</p>	<p><b>Herts Vision Loss</b></p> <p>Support for any person living in Hertfordshire with a significant sight impairment.</p> <p><a href="http://www.hertsvisionloss.org.uk">www.hertsvisionloss.org.uk</a></p>	
 <p><b>THE PHOENIX GROUP FOR DEAF CHILDREN &amp; YOUNG ADULTS</b></p>	<p><b>The Phoenix Group for Deaf Children</b></p> <p>A charity working with deaf children, young people and their families, based in Stevenage and supporting their members in Hertfordshire.</p> <p><a href="http://www.phoenixgroup.org.uk">www.phoenixgroup.org.uk</a></p>	

	<p><b>Mencap</b></p> <p>Supporting people with a learning disability, and their families and carers. They have local support groups across Hertfordshire.</p> <p><a href="http://www.mencap.org.uk">www.mencap.org.uk</a></p>	
	<p><b>ERIC – The Children’s Bowel &amp; Bladder Charity</b></p> <p>Information and resources to help with potty training, toileting and children's bowel and bladder conditions.</p> <p><a href="https://eric.org.uk/children-with-additional-needs/">https://eric.org.uk/children-with-additional-needs/</a></p>	