Who we are
DSPL7 supports parents and carers, staff in early
years settings, schools and further education colleges by ensuring there is a range of provision and support services within the St Albans and Harpenden area for children and young people with additional needs.

## Parenting Support Spring term 2023

(Electronic version)

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## Spring courses

This booklet outlines the courses that are being run by external providers over the Spring term 2023 to support parents and families who have a child or children with additional needs．Please visit the relevant websites to book．
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## Parent \＆Carer Courses Spring Term 2023

## TALKING FAMILIES <br> Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers

of children aged $0-12$ will cover
－Managing challenging behaviour with consistency．
－Encouraging positive behaviour．
－Building your child＇s self esteem．
－Setting and maintaining boundaries．
－Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children．
－Developing a strong parent／child relationship now and for the future．

##  <br> Thursdays $8.00-9.30 \mathrm{pm}$ $5^{\text {th }}$ Jan $-9^{\text {th }}$ Feb Onllne Course 553

Thursdays 9．30－11．30am $23^{\text {rd }}$ Feb－30 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Mar 3t Albans Course 552 Fleetville Family Centre

## TALKING TEENS

Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 12－19 will cover
－The Teen Brain：the physical and emotional changes taking place during the teenage years and why their behaviour changes．
The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings．
－How to maintain your relationship with good communication
－Understanding risk taking behaviour around drugs，alcohol and gang culture． ．How to negotiate and reduce conflict．

Thursdays $7.00-9.00 \mathrm{pm}$
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## Natford Course 556

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## TALKING DADS

Dads play an important role in a child's life. This FREE course will help you be the Dad you want to be. Over 6 weekly sessions, fathers and male carers of children aged 0-19 will be supported to:

- Increase confidence in your parenting
- Develop your dad/child relationship, now and for the future.
- Improve listening and communication skills.
- Develop strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- Learn how to enforce boundaries.


## TALKING

ADDITIONAL NEEDS
A free 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 2-19 years with a recognised additional need. We will help you to:

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Find strategies that really work.
- Understand conflict: why it happens and
how to handle it.
- Manage anger effectively.

23 Feb-30 ${ }^{\text {th }} \mathrm{Mar}$ - Manage different needs within your family.

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www.supportinglinks_co.uk
Information taken on booking will be used to process your booking, check your eligibility, identify any access needs and will be stored in accordance with our GDPR policy which is available on request


These courses are provided free to parents by Herttordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund Page 2 of 2

## Parent \& Carer Support

 TALKING ASD \& ADHD Online Workshops Spring Term 2023For parents and carers of children aged
2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed
Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

## STRESS and ANXIETY

- The difference between stress and anxiety.
- Understanding anxiety related conditions amongst young people with ASD and/or ADHD.
- How to spot the non-verbal signs of stress
- Common triggers amongst neurodiverse children.
What an anxious child needs to feel safe and how to provide this.
- Strategies to engage an anxious or stressed child.
The early warning signs of mental health problems.
Where to access further help and support, locally and nationally.


## RESPONDING TO ANGER

- The difference between healthy \& unhealthy anger.
- The pattern that anger takes and how to spot the non-verbal signs early.
- Our own and our children's triggers.
- Techniques that stop angry and aggressive behaviour escalating and when to use them
How to respond to our child in meltdown, keeping ourselves, our child and siblings safe.
Where to access further help and support, both locally and nationally.
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Promoting Strong Family Relationships

Tuesday $10^{\text {th }}$ January 9.30-11.30am

Workshop 559 Pro-booldng essential via Eventbrite Linle https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking. asd-adhd-anxiety-and-stress-for-parentscarers-in-herts-559-registration458379604737

## Wednesday 22 $^{\text {nd }}$ February

 7.30-9.30pmWorkshop 560 Pre-booldn essential via Eventbrite Hinka https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking: asd-adhd-anxiety-and-stress-for-parentscarers-in-herts-560-registration458562411517


## Monday 16 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ January

### 7.30-9.30pm

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Tuesday $7^{\text {th }}$ March

### 12.30-2.30pm

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## THE TEENAGE YEARS

For parents and carers of children aged 11-25yrs

- Teenage brain development and how it affects a child with ASD/ADHD.
- Reducing conflict by learning how to respond effectively to difficult situations.
- Strengthening your parent/child relationship.
- How to agree appropriate boundaries and teach risk assessment.
- Adapting our parenting approach to help our teens become independent adults.


## COPING with CHANGE

- How children feel and behave when experiencing change.
How to prepare children for changes such as starting a new school.
- How to support children during and after change by helping them to manage their emotions using effective stress reducing strategies.
- How children learn from new experiences and what to expect.


## TECH USE

- How your child's diagnosis increases vulnerability online
- What you can do to support any difficulties with online behaviour.
- Recognising when something is wrong
- Managing difficult conversations with
confidence
- Setting and maintaining boundaries for online use.
- Teaching your child to develop their own methods of regulating internet use and staying safe.


## SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance and is this what your child is experiencing?
Common causes and triggers of school avoidance.
- How EBSA is affecting you and your family.
- Practical steps you can take to support your child
How to work with your school in your child's best interests.

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Monday 23rd January 7.30-9.30pm Workshop 564 Pre-booldng essential via Eventbrite Linic https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking. asd-and-adhd-the-teenage-years-for-parentscarers-in-herts-564-registration 457025805487


Monday 20 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ March 9.30-11.30am Workshop 563 Pre-booking essential vila Eventbrite Linke https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-and-adhd-coping-with-change-for-parentscarers-in-herts563-reqistration458747164117


Tuesday 31st January 7.30-9.30pm

Workshop 586 Pre-bookdng essential via Eventbrite Link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-sd-and-adhd-school-avoidance-for-parentscarers-in-herts-566-reqistration parentscarers-in-herts-566-registration parent

## SPACE

## SEND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE

Does your child have additional needs?


Do you need a listening ear?
Do you need practical help or emotional support?
Why don't you
contact our support team?
Appointments available to book via the website below: https://spaceherts.org.uk/familysupport

For more information or general enquires regarding family support please email - support@spaceherts.org.uk

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## Family Lives Spring Term Programme

Worried about your child? Join our free online and face to face groups and get support to help your child feel more confident and happier. The groups are for six weeks and delivered via Microsoft Teams or face to face.

Getting on with your Teens / Pre-teens
Face to Face in Hatfield
Tuesday 21st February to 28th March 2023
from 9.30am to 11.30am
Bringing up Confident SEN Children
Online Wednesday 25th Jan - 8th March 2023 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

## Bringing up Confident ADHD/ASD Children

Online Tuesday 21st Feb - 28th March 2023
from 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Bringing up Confident ADHD/ASD Children Online Thursday 26th Jan to 9th March 2023 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

## For more information, contact Louise on 0204522 8700/8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk

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12 week BeeZee Families courses starting in Hertfordshire from January $16^{\text {th }}$

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Handling anger in your primary aged child with ASD or ADHD
Funded by HCC and FREE, this six session CANparent Quality Award evidence-based course is for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting children from 2 to 11 years.

Facilitated by Lesley and Francine who are trained, qualified and experienced facilitators and parents too, with $\mathbf{2 0 +}$ years personal and professional experience.
This course will enable you and your family to:

Parent
II feel empowered by the tools we were shown on his course and was at a real loss as to how to help didn't know what to do Others judged our family but not judged at all here Emotional intelligence makes so much more sense now and I love the gentle but firm ideas we learnt each week."

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Gain understanding of Autism and ADHD and how behaviours can be affectedAttain awareness of a child's sensory world and the affectUnderstand how anger and other emotions live in your family

- Increase your understanding of triggers that cause angry outbursts
- Learn healthy anger management strategies for children and parents to reduce angry outburstsDiscover creative ways to support children to 'let go' of anger safelyGain effective empathic communication techniques to reduce angry outbursts
- Meet and share experiences with other parents

Where: Online via Zoom
When: Monday evenings $6.30-8.30 \mathrm{pm}$ January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th February 6th

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## Where: Online via Zoom

When: Thursday mornings 9.30-11.30am
January 5th, 12th, 19th, 28th
February 3rd, 10th

##  <br> Families In Focus CIC

## Handling Anger in Your Family

Funded by HCC and FREE this 6 session CANparent Quality Award evidence based course is for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting children from 5 to 11 years．

Facilitated by Lesley and Francine who are trained，qualified and experienced facilitators and parents too with 20 ＋years personal and professional experience．


Where：Otley Way Family Centre，Otley Way，Watford，WD19 7TB

When：Wednesday mornings 10am－12pm January 4th，11th，18th，25th
February 1st，8th

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## A Complete Guide to Parenting Children with ALL Special Educational Need

## This course is free for all parents living in Hertfordshire and caring for a primary

 aged child inclusive of those awaiting diagnosis or with a diagnosis of Special Education Needs，Autism，ADHD \＆associated needs． Lesley and Francine are parents，experienced and qualified trainers too．

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## Sleep solutions for all children

Funded by Hertfordshire County Council and FREE for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting children aged four to ten.

A proven evidence-based, behavioural approach to help families get a better night's sleep
Together, in small interactive groups with trained and accredited Parent Facilitators, Siobhann and Tracey, this evidence-based course will help restore healthy sleep. This course covers:


Understanding the stages of sleep and impact of sleep deprivation on children's behaviour and learning

Identifying the causes of sleep difficulties, including a child's sensory sensitivities
Support to find ways to bring balance to your child's sleep
issues
Tips and ideas that help children go to sleep and stayUnderstanding and managing sleep problems such as night terrors and nightmares
Learn how to actively listen and respond empathically to

children to reduce concerns and feelings such as anxiety
Helping parents to create a routine \& sleep induced environment to aid healthy sleep for the whole family


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| FREE ONLINE SUPPORT GROUPS <br> FOR HERTS PARENISICARERS |  |  |  |
| ABOUT THE GROUPS <br> ADD-vance runs regular support groups which provide an opportunity for you to meet other local parents and discuss individual concerns with two specialist ADD-vance coaches. We welcome parents and carers who have a formal diagnosis for their child, as well as those who do not have a formal diagnosis but would like to learn more about neurodiversity. <br> TIME AND PLACE <br> General Primary Aged Children Support Group <br> Tuesday 10/01/23-1-2 pm <br> General Secondary Aged Children Support Group <br> Tuesday 17/01/23-1-2 pm <br> Support Group for Parents of 16-24 year olds Tuesday 24/01/23-7.30-8.30 pm <br> General Early Years Support Group Tuesday 31/01/23-10-11am <br> PDA Support Group <br> Tuesday 07/02/23-1-2 pm <br> ALL ONLINE VIA ZOOM |  |  |  |
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Online Tuesday mornings 9.45 am - 11.45am

10, 17, 24, 31 Jan \& 7 Feb 2023 Sessions will run on Zoom


Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life? This course can help you to

- Understand the links between Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour
- Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on your own and your child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe and have problem-solving skills for life


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## Find the support you need at the Families First Portal

Families First is the name for early help in Hertfordshire. It is a way of getting extra support for your family to help you manage problems early on.

Families First is available to all Hertfordshire families with children under 18 ( 25 if they have a learning need or disability).

Visit the portal for more information, with direct links to:-

谓 Relationship Support
Parenting advice and childcare
Money advice
Emotional and mental health
Domestic abuse support
"I'm worried
Staying healthy
湴 Online Safety
SEND Local Offer about my child's behaviour in school and at home"
and many other useful links
hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst
"I am struggling to cope with everything at present, so feeling overwhelmed."
"I'm worried about money"
"I need reassurance and support"


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