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.

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Parenting Support Spring term 2023

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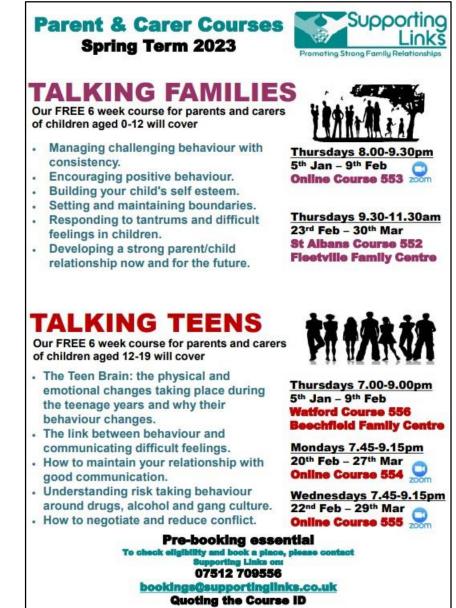
St Albans District, Harpenden and Villages

Redbourn, Wheathampstead and Kimpton

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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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.
- · Motivate, encourage and support your child. Online Course 551
- Manage different needs within your family.

Courses are open to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire Pre-booking essential

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact **Supporting Links on:**

07512 709556 or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

Quoting the Course ID

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



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



home Dads. Working Dads...

Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm 4th Jan - 8th Feb

Zoom **Online Course 557**

Tuesdays 7.45-9.15pm 21st Feb - 28th Mar **Online Course 558**



Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am 22nd Feb - 29th Mar **Sth Oxhey Course 550 Sth Oxhey Family Centre**

Thursdays 8.00-9.30pm



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Parent & Carer Support **TALKING ASD & ADHD Online Workshops** Spring Term 2023

For 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.



Workshops are open to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire Page 1 of 2



Supporting



Tuesday 10th January 9.30-11.30am Workshop 559 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-

asd-adhd-anxiety-and-stress-forparentscarers-in-herts-559-registration-458379604737

Wednesday 22nd February 7.30-9.30pm Workshop 560 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Link:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talkingasd-adhd-anxiety-and-stress-forparentscarers-in-herts-560-registration-

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Monday 16th January 7.30-9.30pm Workshop 562 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Linic

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talkingasd-and-adhdresponding-to-anger-forparentscarers-in-herts-562-

registration-458706843517 Tuesday 7th March

12.30-2.30pm

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Workshop 561 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talkingasd-and-adhdresponding-to-anger-forparentscarers-in-herts-561-registration-

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-booking essential via Eventbrite Linic https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-

asd-and-adhd-the-teenage-years-forparentscarers-in-herts-564-registration 457025805487



Monday 20th March 9.30-11.30am Workshop 563 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-

asd-and-adhd-coping-with-change-for parentscarers-in-herts563-registration

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Monday 27th February 9.30-11.30am Workshop 565 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talkingasd-and-adhd-tech-use-565-forparentscarers-in-herts-registration-457067209327



Tuesday 31st January 7.30-9.30pm Workshop 566 Pre-booking

essential via Eventbrite Links https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talkingasd-and-adhd-school-avoidance-forparentscarers-in-herts-566-registration-

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SEND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE

Does your child have additional needs?



support@spaceherts.org.uk

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



www.spaceherts.org.uk

SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN HERTFORDSHIRE - AUTISM ADHD NEURODIVERSE CONDITIONS



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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

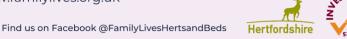
Bringing up Confident ADHD/ASD Children Online Thursday 26th Jan to 9th March 2023 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

For more information, contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk

We build better family lives together

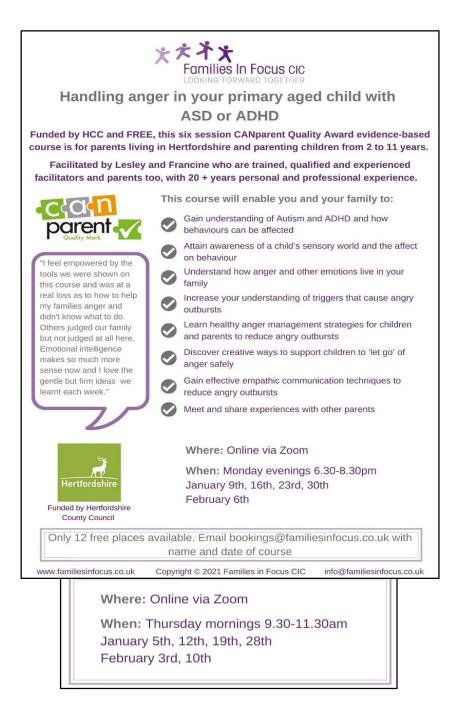
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Come along to our fun, free healthy lifestyles courses and you will learn:				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Healthy eating Fun activities	BOREHAMWOOD Allum Hall WD6 3PJ 17:00 - 19:00	STEVENAGE Barnwell Middle School SG2 9XT 17:30 - 19:00	HODDESDON St. Cuthbert's Church EN11 OPU 17:30 - 19:30	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobletts Mano Junior School HP2 5JS 17:30 - 19:30
Sign up for your family's FREE place at beezeebodies.com/families	WELWYN GARDEN CITY Ridgeway Academy AL7 2AF 17:00 - 19:00	WATFORD St Meryl Primary WD19 58T 17:00 - 19:00	WALTHAM CROSS Hurst Drive Primary EN8 8DU 17:30 - 19:30	LETCHWORTH Jackmans Community Centre SG6 2NL 17:30 - 19:30
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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.

This course will enable you and your family to:



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when I joined this course

ideas to help me understand why my child

was so angry and it's

but each week I took away

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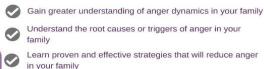
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children's anger but yours

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Discover new ways to communicate to calm and prevent anger... before it occurs!

 Learn safe and creative ways for children to 'let go' of pent up emotions safely

Create a calm family environment so all can talk about their emotions safely

Gain skills to manage your family's emotional regulation

Meet other parents in a calm, judgement-free group

Where: Online via Zoom When: Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th February 1st, 8th

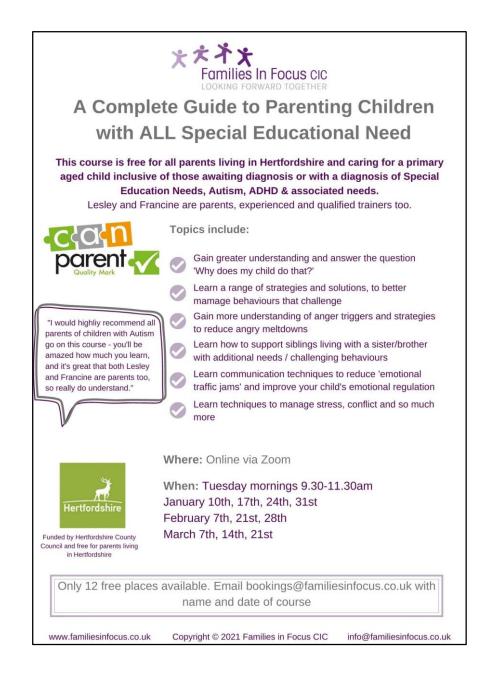
Funded by Hertfordshire County Council

Only 12 free places available. Places must be booked by emailing bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk with name and date of course

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

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





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:

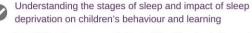
"Understanding why my child couldn't sleep without me in the bed was life changing. Learning that all I needed to do was make a few simple, gentle changes made it all seem so much more achievable. We do now all sleep in our own beds!"

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in Hertfordshire and parenting

children aged 4-10.



Identifying the causes of sleep difficulties, including a child's sensory sensitivities

Support to find ways to bring balance to your child's sleep \checkmark issues Tips and ideas that help children go to sleep and stay

asleep

Understanding 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

Where: Online via Zoom When: Friday mornings 9.30-11.30am Z January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th February 3rd, 10th

Limited free places available. Email bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk to secure your place

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UNDERSTANDING **ADHD & AUTISM FREE INTRODUCTORY 6-WEEK COURSES FOR PARENT/CARERS**

ADD-vance

ABOUT THE COURSE

TIME AND PLACE

Hertfordshire

This interactive course is	Thursdays 5th January to 9th February
designed for parents &	10 am to 12 pm BEDMOND VILLAGE HALL, WD5 0QP
carers of children aged 5	
to 14 yrs with a diagnosis	Thursdays 5th January to 9th February
or suspected diagnosis of	
ADHD and/or Autism (or	ONLINE VIA ZOOM
4 & already in reception).	Understanding Girls with ADHD & Autism
ALL SESSIONS MUST	Fridays 6th January to 10th February
BE ATTENDED	10 am to 12 pm ONLINE VIA ZOOM

se courses are funded by Hertfordshire County Council and are open to residents of Hertfordshire o

ADD-vance The ADHD and Autism Trust ⑦ ◎ ♥ ⑧ Hertfordshire

UNDERSTANDING TEENS WITH ADHD & AUTISM

FREE INTRODUCTORY 6-WEEK COURSES FOR PARENT/CARERS OF TEENS

ABOUT THE COURSE

of ADHD and/or Autism.

diagnosis or suspected diagnosis

TIME AND PLACE

This interactive course is designed for parents/carers of children aged 12 to 15 yrs with a 10 am to 12

5th January to 9th February 10 am to 12 pm ONLINE VIA ZOOM

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our FREE ticket on http://add-vance.eventbrite

or visit our website http://www.add-vance.org/

and are open to residents of Hertfordshire only Boo







FREE ONLINE SPRING 2023 WORKSHOPS FOR HERTS PARENTS/CARERS

Online Workshops funded by HCC	Audience	Day	Date	Time
Diagnosing ADHD and/or Autism	Parents/carers	Thu	5.1.23	10:00 - 11.30
Understanding ADHD	Parents/carers	Mon	9.1.23	10:00 - 11.30
Caring for Your Child (and Yourself)	Parents/carers	Tues	10.1.23	10:00 - 11.30
Tips & Tools to Build Self-Esteem	Parents/carers	Wed	11.1.23	10:00 - 11.30
Tips & Tools for Sleep	Parents/carers	Wed	11.1.23	19:00 - 20:30
Working in Partnership with School	Parents/carers	Mon	16.1.23	10:00 - 11.30
Tips & Tools to Support Communication	Parents/carers	Wed	18.1.23	10:00 - 11.30
Understanding Autism	Parents/carers	Wed	18.1.23	19:00 - 20:30
Applying for an EHCP	Parents/carers	Mon	23.1.23	10:00 - 11.30
Understanding PDA	Parents/carers	Tue	24.1.23	10:00 - 11.30
Tips & Tools to Teach Emotional Literacy	Parents/carers	Wed	25.1.23	10:00 - 11.30
Tips & Tools for Toileting	Parents/carers	Wed	25.1.23	19:00 - 20:30
Preparing for an EHCP Annual Review	Parents/carers	Mon	30.1.23	10:00 - 11.30
Understanding ADHD in Girls	Parents/carers	Tue	31.1.23	10:00 - 11.30
Tips & Tools to Support Learning	Parents/carers	Wed	1.2.23	10:00 - 11.30
Support for Dads	Parents/carers	Mon	6.2.23	19:00 - 20:30
Understanding Autism in Girls	Parents/carers	Tue	7.2.23	10:00 - 11.30
Tips & Tools to Manage Everyday Change	Parents/carers	Wed	8.2.23	10:00 - 11.30
	Half Term			
Supporting Siblings	Parents/carers	Mon	20.2.23	10:00 - 11.30
Understanding Challenging Behaviour	Parents/carers	Tue	21.2.23	10:00 - 11.30
Tips & Tools to Manage Anger	Parents/carers	Wed	22.2.23	19:00 - 20:30
Supporting Transition into Primary School	Parents/carers	Mon	27.2.23	10:00 - 11.30
Understanding Sensory Differences	Parents/carers	Tue	28.2.23	10:00 - 11.30
Tips& Tools for Self Harm	Parents/carers	Wed	1.3.23	10:00 - 11:30
Tips & Tools to Manage Sensory Differences	Parents/carers	Wed	1.3.23	19:00 - 20:30
Supporting Transition into Secondary School	Parents/carers	Mon	6.3.23	10:00 - 11.30
Understanding Anxiety	Parents/carers	Tue	7.3.23	10:00 - 11.30
Tips & Tools to Support Puberty	Parents/carers	Wed	8.3.23	10:00 - 11.30
Tips & Tools to Manage Anxiety	Parents/carers	Wed	8.3.23	19:00 - 20:30
Tips & Tools for Positive Behaviour	Parents/carers	Mon	13.3.23	10:00 - 11.30
Preparing for Adulthood (14+)	Parents/carers	Wed	15.3.23	10:00 - 11.30
Understanding Neurodiverse Teens	Parents/carers	Wed	15.3.23	19:00 - 20:30
Tips & Tools to teach Social Skills	Parents/carers	Mon	20.3.23	10:00 - 11.30
Thinking About College?	Parents/carers	Tue	21.3.23	10:00 - 11.30
Thinking About University?	Parents/carers	Wed	22.3.23	10:00 - 11.30

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Find the support you need at the <u>Families First Portal</u>

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).

