

Dear Parent/Carers,

Please find below courses and support available to Dacorum Parent/Carers from local providers. Please contact the providers directly, as detailed in their flyers.

Kind Regards,

DSPL 8 Team

Christmas at SPACE

Eventbrite link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/space-hertfordshire-29155520957



















Do you have a child with SEND?



Our SEND Champions are here to help you to access a wide range of information. We can provide you with advice, guidance and a listening ear to help you find the right support for you and your child.

In Dacorum your SEND Champions are Karen and Heidi, if you need any support please give them a call today on: 0300 123 7572

Website: http://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/DacorumFCS



Families In Focus – Spring 2022 Courses & Partner Network

Email: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk





Facilitated by Lesley & Francine, experienced and accredited facilitators with 20+ years of experience supporting parents as well as personal experience of living in neurodiverse families. We are excellent active listeners and care passionately about bringing parents caring for children with Autism, ADHD and neurodevelopmental conditions and needs together and empowering parents to support their children to be their best self. Our courses are interactive, participatory and supportive.

Autism, ADHD & neurodevelopmental conditions/needs courses Spring 2022

| A Complete Guide to Parenting Children with SEND For parents of children aged 4 years to 11 years with either a diagnosis or those awaiting assessments of Autism, ADHD & inclusive of all neurodevelopmental conditions/needs. | 10 x Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am | January 11 th 18 th 25 th Feb 1 st 8 th 22 nd March 1 st 8 th 15 th 22 nd |
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| Handling anger in your child with Autism/ADHD For parents of children aged 5 to 11 years with either a diagnosis or those awaiting assessments of Autism or ADHD | 6 x Thursdays 9.30-11.30am | January 6 th 13 th 20 th 27 th Feb 3 rd 10 th |

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Specialist, award winning, evidence -based courses for parents living across Hertfordshire Spring 2022

| Handling Anger in Your Family Six session CANparent Quality Award, evidence-based course is for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting children from 5 to 11 years looking for ways to better understand and change the anger dynamics and 'cool down' the temperature within the family. | 6 x Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am | January 5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th Feb 2 nd 9 th |
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January 2022 Zoom Parent Network

Parent Network is open to ANY parent in the UK caring for a child with any Special Education Needs including those awaiting assessment or diagnosis.

If you would like to join us, email bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk and we'll send you the Zoom codes

| ZOOM with Francine and Lesley | Monday January 10th 7-9pm | Understanding autism |
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| Early Years ZOOM with Tracey and Georgie | Wednesday January 12th 9.30 - 11.30am | Catching up after Christmas and open forum |
| ZOOM with Siobhann | Monday January 17th 10am - 12pm | SEND support in schools |
| Teens 15+ ZOOM with Finola and Karen | Tuesday January 18th 7-9pm | EHCPs for post 16s With Helena Marks-Dwyer, Independent SEND Consultant |
| ZOOM with Vicky and Sharon | Wednesday January 19th 9.30-11.30am | Let's pop the kettle on - SEND chat, giggles and a cuppa |
| ZOOM with Siobhann and Tracey | Thursday January 27th 10am - 12pm | Sensory issues, helpful tips and ideas |
| ZOOM with Siobhann and Sharon | Thursday January 27th 7-9pm | EHCP - The first steps |

Parents who have attended previous sessions will receive a text invitation to join the virtual meetings



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| ZOOM with Francine and Lesley | Monday February 7th 7-9pm | Understanding ADHD |
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| Early Years ZOOM with Tracey and Georgie | Wednesday February 9th 9.30 - 11.30am | Modelling self care and an introduction to mindfulness With Helena Marks-Dwyer, Independent SEND consultant |
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March 2022 Zoom Parent Network

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| ZOOM with Francine and Lesley | Monday March 7th 7-9pm | Understanding sensory issues |
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| Early Years ZOOM with Tracey and Georgie | Wednesday March 9th 9.30 - 11.30am | Early Years support in Herts & benefits and SEND With The Money Advice Unit |
| ZOOM with Siobhann | Monday March 14th 7-9pm | EHCP & school issues Q&A With Helena Marks-Dwyer, Independent SEND consultant |
| Teens 15+ ZOOM with Finola and Karen | Tuesday March 15th 7-9pm | Understanding PDA With Amanda Mcquire |
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| ZOOM with Siobhann and Tracey | Thursday March 17th 10am - 12pm | Getting a successful EHCP review |
| ZOOM with Siobhann and Sharon | Thursday March 17th 7-9pm | Tried and tested tips and ideas for children with sensory issues |

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Supporting Links

Eventbrite link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/supporting-links-15053924960

Supporting

Monday 17th January 9.30-11.30am

Workshop 482 Pre-booking

Tuesday 22nd February

7.30-9.30pm Workshop 483 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Link:

Talking ASD and ADHD: Anxiety and Stress.

For parents/carers in Herts Registration, Tue 22 Feb 2022 at 19:30 | Eventbrite

7.30-9.30pm Workshop 484 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Link:

Talking ASD and ADHD: Responding to Anger

For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Tue

Tuesday 18th January

18 Jan 2022 at 19:30 | Eventbrite

Thursday 24th February 9.30-11.30am

Workshop 485 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Link:

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Links

Parent and Carer Support TALKING ASD & ADHD Workshops Spring Term 2022

For parents and carers of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

ANXIETY and STRESS

- We will help you to learn about:

 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
- What an anxious child needs to feel safe and
- how to provide this. Strategies to engage an anxious or stressed
- The early warning signs of mental health problems.
- problems. Where to access further help and support, locally and nationally.

RESPONDING TO ANGER

- We will help you to learn about:

 The difference between healthy & unhealthy
- 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, eeping ourselves, our child and siblings
- Where to access further help and support, both locally and nationally.

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Parent and Carer Support Online Courses

Spring Term 2022



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.

Wednesdays 8.00-9.30pm 5th Jan – 9th Feb Course 475

<u>Tuesdays 9.45-11.15am</u> 22nd Feb – 29th Mar Course 476

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Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm 5th Jan – 9th Feb

Mondays 7.45-9.15pm 21st Feb – 28th Mar

Course 479

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.

Pre-booking essential

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THE TEENAGE YEARS

- We will help you to learn about:

 Teenage brain development and how it affects child with ASD/ADHD

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 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 parent/fine approach to help our
- Adapting our parenting approach to help our teens become independent adults.

LOSS and SEPARATION

- We will help you to learn about:
 The impact that separation, divorce or bereavement has on children with ASD/ADHD Responding to the fall out the emotions and the behaviour.
- the behaviour.
 Preparing for the difficult conversations with your child
 How to deliver 'bad news'
 Preparing your child for change
 Managing your own difficult feelings and helping your children to manage theirs

TECH USE

- We will help you to learn about:
 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

Thursday 31st March

7.30-9.30pm
Workshop 486 Pre-booking
essential via Eventbrite Link:

Talking ASD and ADHD: The teenage years. Thu 31 Mar 2022 at 19:30 | Eventbrite



Monday 7th February 9.30-11.30am

Workshop 487 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Link: Talking ASD and ADHD: Understanding Loss & Separation. Registration, Mon Z Feb 2022 at 09:30 | Eventbrite



Tuesday 8th February 7.30-9.30pm

Workshop 488 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Link: Talking ASD and ADHD: Tech Use. For rents/carers in Herts. Registration, Tue 8 Feb 2022 at 19:30 | Eventbrite



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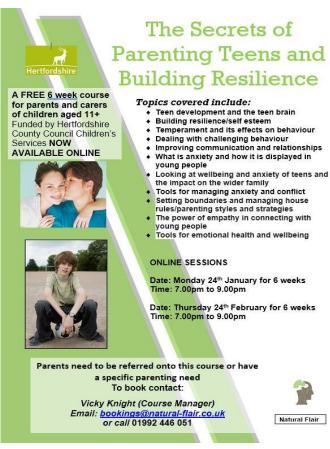
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Natural Flair Courses

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Natural Flair Coaching Ltd Presents

Natural Steps To Stronger, Safer Families

A Protective Behaviours Approach to Emotional Wellbeing Now offered as an online course

An interactive and fun 6 week course, providing a safe place to explore feelings, be heard and understood, and put achievable goals in place for you and your family

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Funded by: Hertfordshire County Council, Family Services Commissioning



Topics covered include:

- · What it means to feel safe how do we know?
- Problem solving and resilience skills
- · How to support our child's worries
- · Why do we get triggered? Our 'unwritten rules'
- How to build and maintain an effective support network
- Strategies to stay in control of our emotions
- What is behind anger and how this impacts behaviour

Dates: Day and evening courses available

Wednesday 12th January 9.30am to 11.30am

Monday 31st January 7pm to 9pm Thursday 24th February 7pm to 9pm

(Each course is 6 sessions in total) Venue: Available on your smart phone or laptop device in the comfort of your own home via a safe/secure link

This fun and inspiring online parent coaching course develops confidence, resilience and emotional wellbeing - It is packed full of strategies to support your family to manage their feelings and tips to support a calmer family life

Parents need to be referred onto this course or have a specific parenting need For more information or to book a space please call

> 01992 446 051 Email: Bookings@natural-flair.co.uk

Herts Inclusive Theatre: Big Give Christmas Challenge

Natural Flair Coaching Ltd

Support HIT through with our new campaign 'Inclusive Arts: Support Disability, Help Well-being' from 12pm on 30th November until 12pm 7th December, ALL donations made to HIT through THE BIG GIVE will be DOUBLED

Head to our campaign page to DONATE or please SHARE to help us spread the word. Thank you

https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk/campaign/a056900001tzE2uAAE?fbclid=lwAR3obwZStivXY-5WpbL8GmYQHdEzbdDQYp9E0j-Zo3hKHwoPo89tGNIBJY

Family Lives Parenting Groups – Spring Term

Getting on with your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks)

Wednesdays, 26th Jan to 9th March 2022 (excluding half-term)

This group is particularly suited for parents and or carers of pre-teen/teenagers who may have a FFA, CIN, CP or Youth Justice Plan and are showing signs of:

- * Risky behaviour online through social media
- * Attraction to or involvement in gangs

If you would like to register for our mailing list, or be removed, please email dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk



* Alcohol and/or drugs, early sex, self-harming, crime and anti-social behaviour, aggressive and challenging behaviour

Places are also available for parents wanting to gain an understanding of the feelings and needs underlying teenager behaviour and knowledge & skill to develop a more positive relationship

Bringing Up Confident Children for Parents of Children with ADHD/ASD (6 weeks) DAYTIME

Thursdays, **9.30-11.30**, from 27th Jan to 10 March (excluding half-term)

This programme provides support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential.

Sessions will cover:

- * ADHD a whole-family issue
- * Understanding your child's behaviour
- * Helping your child manage their feelings and outbursts
- * Balancing support of siblings
- * Learning new parenting strategies to address challenging behaviour and to make a difference in your family life

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We accept referrals from professionals as well as self-referrals. Please click here for the online referral form. Following our data protection protocols, please note that our referral form, which is also attached with flyers for each group, must be password-protected before returning to services@familylives.org.uk with the password sent in a separate email.



Supporting Emotionally-based School Non-Attendance; Parent Views

Link to online questionnaire -

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IYdfxj26UUOKBwhl5djwkKGvfXqLX4tEqAhPCZu8bz1UQjN TRVU5NEUwQ0FZVEIYME9QSENRVkpTRi4u

> Supporting Emotionally-based School Non-Attendance': Parents Views





Hello! My name is Rachel and I am training to be an Educational Psychologist with the University of East Anglia.

As part of my training, I am completing research into 'emotionally based school non-attendance', and how best to support parents of children experiencing this difficulty.

'Emotionally-based school non-attendance' (EBSNA) refers to a child or young person having difficulties going to school due to emotional reasons, such as anxiety, or stress. This can sometimes result in complete non-attendance, but can also present in many different ways. I am looking for parents of Primary-aged children who have previously experienced this difficulty, and have since demonstrated some progress to participate in my research. I will be exploring 'What worked' to support them to improve their attendance or engagement with education. It is hoped that this research will better inform how professionals work with and support parents experiencing EBSNA in the future.

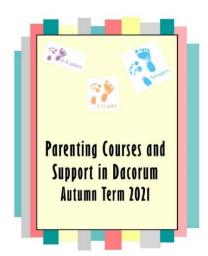
If you have a child in Year 8 or below who:

- Has experienced difficulty in attending school within the past 3 years,
- Has severe emotional upset at the prospect of going to school,
 Has demonstrated some progress with their attendance since first experiencing these difficulties (however small)...

Then your views are important to this research! Please click the above link for more information and to take part. For more information, please contact Rachel via r.sawyer@uea.ac.uk.



Parenting Courses and Support in Dacorum Autumn 2021



FREE courses open to parents in Dacorum

For courses from Local Providers, please view the Dacorum Parenting Course Brochure via: http://www.dacorumdspl.org.uk/courses-for-parents-carers-and-professionals/

For SEND courses and support, please visit either: https://directory.hertfordshire.gov.uk/Search?CategoryId=70&SM=ServiceSearch&UDG=True&SME=True

https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/courses-and-activities-in-hertfordshire/things-to-do

The Spring Term 2022 Parenting Courses and Support Brochure will be available for distribution at the end of this term.