



DSPL 9 Weekly Newsletter

Parent, Carer and Family Newsletter

9.11.2022

Welcome to this DSPL9 newsletter which provides school colleagues and families with all recent and current local SEND information with a focus on **Parents and Families**. This edition and those from previous weeks can also be viewed by visiting the Parent, Carers and Families page of the DSPL9 website - http://dsplarea9.org.uk/parentscarers-families/

Please contact Triage (Jan Crook <u>jancrook@dspl9.org.uk</u> or 07715 415894) if your child or young person has multi complex needs that you require further support with.

Please note: <u>all booking links, emails, phone numbers</u> are given alongside each course detail.

DSPL9 Triage are unable to make any bookings for you.

New This Week

- Supporting Links have opened bookings for another 8 courses funded by HCC.
- SPACE are providing online workshops throughout November and December
- A flyer from SPACE :Hertfordshire's only specialist equipment library: sensory, educational, and practical resources loaned to families for FREE
- Families in Focus have a number of online and/or face to face courses available free of charge to Hertfordshire parents.
- A flyer advertising a relaxed performance of Aladdin and an accompanying Social Story.

From last week (or previously shared). Places may still be available.

- Families Feeling Safe have limited availability on their online course for Dads, Step Dads and male carers.
- Supporting Links have opened booking for their Spring Term courses.
- Places are still available on 2 Family Lives online parenting groups funded by Herts County Council in the Autumn term

New This Week

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
- · 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
- Where to access further help and support, both locally and nationally.

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Tuesday 10th January 9.30-11.30am

Workshop 559 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Link:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talkingasd-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-458562411517

Monday 16th January 7.30-9.30pm Workshop 562 Pre-booking ential via Eventbrite Linio

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

registration-458706843517

Tuesday 7th March 12.30-2.30pm Workshop 561 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Link:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talkingasd-and-adhdresponding-to-anger-forparentscarers-in-herts-561-registration 458592962897

Workshops are open to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire

All course titles and dates.

Talking ASD/ADHD: Anxiety and Stress - 10th January or 22nd February 2023

Talking ASD/ADHD: Responding to Anger - 16h January or 7th March 2023

Talking ASD/ADHD: The Teenage Years - 23rd January 2023

Talking ASD/ADHD: Coping with Change - 20th March 2023

Talking ASD/ADHD: Tech Use - 27th February 2023

Talking ASD/ADHD: School Avoidance - 31st January 2023

Parents are welcomed to selfrefer and book places via Eventbrite.

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

THE TEENAGE YEARS

For parents and carers of children aged 11-25vrs

- 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
- Setting and maintaining boundaries for online
- 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
- 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.



Monday 23rd January 7.30-9.30pm Workshop 564 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Li

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https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talkingasd-and-adhd-coping-with-change-for parentscarers-in-herts563-registration 458747164117



Monday 27th February 9.30-11.30am Workshop 565 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Links

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-and-adhd-tech-use-565-for-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-







NOVEMBER / DECEMBER WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

Therapeutic Thinking 'What Lies Beneth Behaviour'	Thursday 3rd Nov	10:00 - 12:00
Starting SPACE (2 weeks)	Friday 4th Nov	10:00 - 12:00
Raising Self Esteem	Wednesday 9th Nov	10:00 - 11:30
ASD and Tourettes Talk	Thursday 10th Nov	10:00 - 11:30
Navigating the SEND World	Thursday 10th Nov	19:00 - 21:00
Understanding ADHD	Friday 18th Nov	10:00 - 12:00
Puberty and Neurodiversity	Tuesday 22nd Nov	10:00 - 12:00
Talking SENsory (2 weeks)	Tuesday 22nd Nov	19:00 - 21:00
Navigating the SEND World	Friday 25th Nov	10:00 - 12:00
Navigating the SEND World - Post-16	Monday 28th Nov	10:00 - 12:00
Sleep	Thursday 1st Dec	19:00 - 21:00
Autism and Complex Needs	Monday 5th Dec	10:00 - 12:00
The EHCP Process - Submission to Finalisation	Thursday 8th Dec	19:00 - 21:00
Understanding and Supporting Emotional Regulation	Monday 12th Dec	18:30 - 20:00

Please use the Eventbrite link below to reserve your place:

spaceherts.eventbrite.co.uk

Limited Places Available

December activities are out to book now:

- Online Christmas theme cooking with Juniors making mincemeat scrolls and an older group making a sausage plait (separate classes for our junior cooks and the slightly older, more experienced chefs)
- Christmas theme art sessions with children's session painting a fabulous snowman and teen/adult session painting a beautiful robin
- Tickets for a relaxed Christmas performance of The Snowsmith in Ware ... and more

Please use the Eventbrite link below to book onto activities:

spaceherts.eventbrite.co.uk

SPACE's November and December Workshops.

Topics left this term include the much-requested sensory workshops, Puberty, Sleep and much more - including a workshop on The EHCP Process, Navigating The SEND World, Autism and Complex Needs.

All parent/carer workshops are online and are free to attend.

Please use the Eventbrite link below to book onto the workshops:

https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/training-courses-and-workshops-5469













Mon 5th Junior Online Cooking

Mon 5th Online Cooking Masterclass

Wed 7th Online Lego Club

Sat 10th Aerial Gymnastics
Wed 14th Virtual Zoo

Fri 16th Online Teen/Adult Art

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All activities are subject to change correct at time of printing

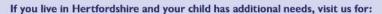


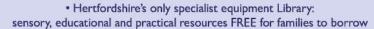
Autism | ADHD Neurodiverse Conditions











- Friendly advice: help on equipment for your child's specific needs
 - · A listening ear: emotional and practical support
- Signposting: Knowledge and understanding of local resources, as well as community and statutory services

Stay for a drink and a chat with the SPACE team and other parent/carers. Children are welcome









Unit 19, The Maltings Business Centre, Roydon Road, Stanstead Abbotts, SG12 8HG

Mon, Wed and Sat - 9.30am - 12.30pm

lendingspace@spaceherts.org.uk 07565 258 694 spaceherts.org.uk/lending-SPACE



PODIVERSE CONDITIONS

SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN HERTFORDSHIRE - AUTISM | ADHD | NEURODIVERSE CONDITIONS
REGISTERED CHARITY ENGLAND AND WALES NO: 117-2178

A bit about us:

- We are a local charity who support families in Hertfordshire whose children have additional needs
- Hertfordshire's only specialist equipment library: sensory, educational, and practical resources loaned to families for FREE
- Friendly advice: help on equipment for child's specific needs
- A listening ear for emotional and practical support
- Signposted to other local resources, as well as community and statutory services
- A place to bring your child and stay for a drink

New This Week



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.

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- Understand the root causes or tragers of anger in your family
- Learn proven and effective strategies that will reduce organies year family
- Discover new ways to contenuricate to calm and prevent anger parties it occurs?
- Learn safe and creative ways far children to fet go of pers up emations safely
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- Gain skills to manage your himity's emotional regulation
- Mest other parents in a calm, judgement-free-group

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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

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

HANDLING ANGER IN YOUR FAMILY IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE ON THESE DATES

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

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 Hersfordshire and parenting children from 2 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.

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This course will enable you and your family to:

- Gain understanding of Autism and ADHD and how behaviours can be affected.
- Attain awareness of a child's sensory world and the affect on behaviour
- Understand 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 outbursts
- Discover creative ways to support children to liet go' of anger salely
- Gain effective empathic communication techniques to reduce angry outbursts
- Meet and share experiences with other parents.



Where: Online via Zoom

When: Monday evenings 6.30-8.30pm January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

February 6th

Only 12 free places available. Email bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk with

HANDLING ANGER IN YOUR
PRIMARY AGED CHILD WITH ASD or
ADHD IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE
ON
THESE DATES

Where: Online via Zoom

When: Thursday mornings 9.30-11.30am

January 5th, 12th, 19th, 28th

February 3rd, 10th

New This Week



LOOKING FORWARD TOGETHER

Parenting with empathy for primary aged children with SEND

Funded by DSPL9 and FREE for parents and carers in Bushey, Radlett, Watford and Three Rivers, this three session course is for those parenting children from three to 11 years.

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

A proven therapeutic approach to increase positive family communication to manage behaviours that challenge, reducing behaviours that challenge and building your family's emotional wellbeing.

DSPL Provision Locally

Achievine quality outcomes Free and funded by DSPL Area 9: Bushey, Radlett, Watford & Three Rivers. FiF working in partnership for parents of DSPL9

This course will enable you and your family to:



Discover what empathic listening is and how and why it builds strong attachments in families



Build a positive emotional language when managing anger and/or 'emotional traffic



Learn to use empathy to set clear expectations and boundaries to enable children to feel safe

Where: Online via Zoom

When: Wednesday mornings 9.30-11.30am

November 30th, December 7th, 14th, 2022

Places are free for parents and carers in the areas listed and must be booked by emailing bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk

When: Monday afternoons 12-2pm January 16th, 23rd, 30th, 2023

Funded by DSPL9 and FREE for parents and carers in Bushey, Radlett, Watford and Three Rivers, this three session evidence-based course is for those parenting children from four to 11 years.

Managing anxiety in your primary aged child

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

Anxiety can look like this... This course will enable you and your family to:



And it can also look like this...

- Increase your understanding of why children feel anxious Develop a greater understanding of the range of
- emotions that may be hidden & the effects on the whole
- Understand triggers which increase anger and anxiety in
- Learn helpful tips, ideas and creative ways to help children to communicate their emotions
- Learn strategies for parents to keep calm under pressure
- Help children to understand what calm is all about and how to achieve their best version of calm
- Use empathy to set clear rules and boundaries
- Develop supportive ways to respond to children's difficult
- Helping children to become more emotionally literate & build strong attachments

Where: Online via Zoom

When: Monday evenings 6.30-8.30pm November 28th, December 5th, 12th, 2022

Places are free for parents and carers in the areas listed and must be booked by emailing bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk



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For all booking and further enquires please email bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk or visit their website https://www.familiesinfocus.co.uk/current-parent-courses/

From last week .Places may still be available.

We have a few spaces available on our online course for Dads, Step-Dads and Male Carers 'Supporting Families with Protective Behaviours' starting after half-term on 3rd November 7.30pm – 9.00pm. The course is funded by HCC 1. Parenting Fund for Dads, Step-Dads and Male Carers with existing needs.

The Dates are: Thursdays 3, 10, 17, 24 Nov, 1 & 8 December 7.30pm - 9.00pm

The course can help to:

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

Please click here for the course flyer...

Please click here for our parent registration form...

Please send registration forms and enquiries to: enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk

From last week. Places may still be available.

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.



Dads. Step-Dads, Stay at home Dads, Working

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



Tuesdays 7.45-9.15pm 21st Feb - 28th Mar

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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.



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

Thursdays 8.00-9.30pm 23rd Feb - 30th Mar

Parent & Carer Courses Spring Term 2023

Please visit the Supporting Links website for

https://www.supportinglinks.co.uk/index.html

Bookings are made via Supporting Links. Visit

https://www.supportinglinks.co.uk/whatson.h

the What's On page to find booking links

further details of their offer.

and/or details for each course.



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

TALKING FAMILIES

Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 0-12 will cover



- 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.



Online Course 553

Thursdays 9.30-11.30am 23rd Feb - 30th Mar St Albans Course 552 **Fieetville 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 7.00-9.00pm 5th Jan - 9th Feb Watford Course 556 **Beechfield Family Centre**

Mondays 7.45-9.15pm 20th Feb - 27th Mar Online Course 554

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Previously shared. Places are still available.

Referrals from professionals as well as self-referrals. Please click here <u>referral form</u> for the online referral form or call Louise Voyce on 0204 522 8700 to go through the form together.



Time to Talk about Pre-Teens and Teens Online group

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated in the wake of Covid-19? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Or do you have a FFA/CIN/CP? Join our free 6 week online group for valuable advice and help on how to support and manage their behaviour.

When: Thursday 3rd November to 8th December

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Time to Talk about Pre Teens / Teens (6 weeks) – Online (6 weeks)

This programme provides support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members who's Pre Teen / Teen may be feeling anxious or isolated in the wake of Covid-19? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Or do you have a FFA/CIN/CP? Join our free 6-week online group for valuable advice and help on how to support and manage their behaviour.

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

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

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/ASD 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



Bringing up confident children for parents of children with ADHD/ASD (online group)

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

When: Wednesday 9th November to 14th December
Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

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

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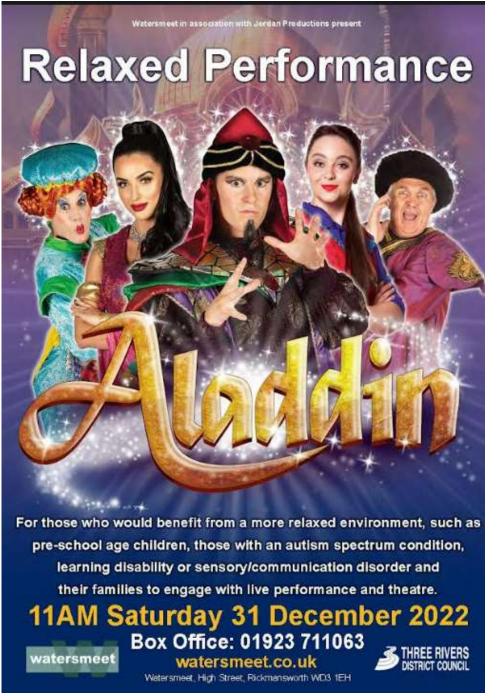
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