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| A selection of the<br>new listings | Understanding <u>Dual</u> Diagnosis  | Tips/Tools <u>Emotional</u><br>Development                            | Tips/Tools Manage <u>Eating</u><br>Difficulties  |   |
|                                    | <u>SAVE</u> THE DATE – 25 April<br>2024 9:30am to 2pm  |   |  |   |
|                                    | Local Offer  | Up on <u>Downs</u>  | DS <u>Achieve</u>  | Lending SPACE   |
| SEND                               | North Herts Family Centre  | <u>Abilities</u> in Me  | Down's <u>Syndrome</u> Listening Service   |   |
| Autism, ADHD,                      | Angels Support Group   | ADD-vance   | <u>SPACE</u> in Herts  | Potential Kids  |
| Neurodiversity                     | Ambitious About Autism   | Autism <u>Hertfordshire</u> Transition<br>Service for 16-20 year olds | <u>SPRINGBOARD</u>   | ADHD Foundation   |
|                                    | CYPMHS Service Directory - SW<br>(justtalkherts.org)   | NHS Herts <u>Community</u> Trust                                      | Children's <u>Wellbeing</u> Practitioners<br>Courses and Resources   | NHS <u>HPFT</u> IAPT<br>Improving Access to Psychological Therapies –<br>online portal for mental health services |
|                                    | NESSie   | <u>Mind</u> Hertfordshire<br>Network CYP Digital Wellbeing            | <mark>WithYouth</mark> (Mind Network)<br>Herts Mind <u>Network</u>   | First Steps <u>ED</u>   |
| Mental Health &                    | Just <u>Talk</u> Herts   | The <u>Ollie</u> Foundation   | <u>Togetherall</u>   | BeeZee Bodies   |
| Wellbeing                          | Lumi Nova   Herts Mind Network Children and Young People<br>(withyouth.org) Fun, Digital Therapeutic Intervention supporting 7-12 yr olds<br>to manage fears and anxieties |   | Carers in Herts ( <u>CAMHS</u> Support)  | Young Minds   |
|                                    | <u>Courses Coming Up   Hertfordshire Mind Network</u><br>(hertsmindnetwork.org)  |   | <u>SandBox</u>   | This May <u>Help</u>  |
|                                    | Services for <u>Young</u> People   | Family Lives  | The Hertfordshire Local Offer  | Carewaves and Newsletters -<br>Carers In Herts  |
| Parenting & Young<br>People        | Families in Focus  | <u>Families First</u><br>(hertfordshire.gov.uk)                       | Capa First Response   You are not alone - Capa First Response<br>We support families and professionals impacted by child or adolescent on pare |   |
|                                    | Supporting Links   | Families Feeling <u>Safe</u>  | abuse. Child/adolescent on parent abuse  | support   |
| Further Signposting                | <ul> <li><u>Contact a SEND service (hertfo</u></li> <li><u>ISL SEND Advice for Parents/C</u></li> </ul>  | ordshire.gov.uk)<br>arers (hertfordshirefamiliesfirst.org.uk)         | Preparing for adulthood (hertfordshire.gov.uk)  c.org.uk)  |   |



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|                               | <ul> <li><u>Guest Blog SFYP - Moving on from school (hertfordshire.gov.uk)</u></li> <li><u>Herts Parent Carer Involvement (hertsparentcarers.org.uk)</u></li> <li><u>Webinars   Herts Parent Carer Involvement (hertsparentcarers.org.uk)</u></li> <li><u>Home (hertssendiass.org.uk)</u></li> <li><u>Making SEND Everyone's Business - investing in our w</u></li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Help for children who aren't attending school regularly<br/>(hertfordshire.gov.uk)</li> <li>Caring for your health into adulthood (hertfordshire.gov.uk)</li> <li>Deaf and Hearing Support Service (hertfordshire.gov.uk)</li> <li>SEND documents and resources (hertfordshire.gov.uk)</li> <li>The Dyslexia-SpLD Trust - Parents</li> </ul> |
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| Neurodiversity<br>Support Hub | <ul> <li>For Parents, Carers and Professionals</li> <li>Offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not limited to: <ul> <li>Understanding ADHD/Autism</li> <li>Distressed Behaviours</li> <li>Anxiety</li> <li>School</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | The phones are answered by our team of parents and carers of<br>neurodivergent children and young peole.<br>01727 833 963<br><u>supporthub@add-vance.org</u><br>Open Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm<br>[please note the service can't give: Updates, fast track places on<br>waiting lists, recommend specific private assessors]                        |
| SEND 0-25 Advice<br>Lines     | Early years (0 - 5)<br>advice line<br>014 42 453 920<br>Wednesday 9am - 12pm<br>and<br>Thursday 1.30pm - 4pm<br>(term time only)<br>Speech, language,<br>communication and autism<br>needs advice line:<br>014 42 453 920<br>Tuesday and Wednesday<br>1.30pm - 4pm<br>(term time only)  | Physical and<br>neurological impairment<br>advice line       Specific Learning<br>Difficulties advice line         014 42 453 920       014 42 453 920         Mondays 1.30pm - 4pm<br>(term time only)       Thursday 9.30am - 12pm<br>(term time only)  |

## SCROLL DOWN FOR NEW AND UPCOMING COURSES

| ECHP – Notice for Parents | The Hertfordshire SEND partnership are committed to improving the quality of EHCP's for children and young people in Hertfordshire; ensuring plans are of high quality and meaningfully capture children and young people's: views, experiences, needs and outcomes, and specify provision. To support with achieving this aim, there will be regular multi-agency audits of EHCP's. These multi-agency audits involve professionals from education (school representatives, specialist advisory teachers, educational psychologists and members of the statutory SEND service), health, social care, SENDIASS and the Herts Parent Carer Involvement coming together to audit the quality of a random selection of EHCP's. Professionals then work together to identify areas of good practice and areas where learning is required. These events are crucial for supporting improvements in practice across the system. <b>This may therefore mean that your child's plan could be selected for audit and shared with the above professionals for auditing purposes.</b> All professionals involved in multi-agency audits of EHCPs are required to comply with Data Protection legislation and confidentiality duties, which restrict the sharing of information pertaining to your child's EHCP outside of the auditing activity. |
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|   | If you wish to opt out and do not wish for your child's EHCP to be included in our quality assurance audits, please email the Quality Assurance Service at: <a href="mailto:policyandpractice@hertfordshire.gov.uk">policyandpractice@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a>  |  |
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|   | To help Phoenix identify the areas of need for Deaf children and Young Adults in Hertfordshire, please complete the following questionnaire, which should take no more than a few minutes. We also attach questionnaires for parents and carers and young people 16+ if you would please kindly share with those who you work with. |  |
|   | Questionnaire for professionals working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and young people with additional SEND needs: <a href="https://forms.gle/UwrXuyDMYyURaPnW8">https://forms.gle/UwrXuyDMYyURaPnW8</a>   |  |
| Survey Identify the areas<br>of need for Deaf Children<br>and Young Adults in | Questionnaire for professionals working with d/Deaf and HOH Young Adults (16-30) and parents of d/Deaf and HOH children and young people.<br>https://forms.gle/42YD7TmY2nnTrDza6  |  |
| Hertfordshire   | To share<br>Questionnaire for Young Adults aged 16 – 30: <u>https://forms.gle/SvjdqmuSd42EAmK76</u>   |  |
|   | Questionnaire for Parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and Young People: https://forms.gle/upbwpPeXi7Ex9f7P8  |  |
|   | Questionnaire for Parents/Carers of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Young Adults with Additional SEND needs. <u>https://forms.gle/rC2soZYJdmdHh19N8</u>  |  |
| <b>NEW LISTING</b><br>DSPL 1 Parent<br>Information Event                      | SAVE THE DATE – 25 April 2024 9:30am to 2pm Parent Information<br>Event – FREE event providing local information for parents/carers, guest<br>speakers and lunch. More information to follow  |  |
| Secondary School<br>Information Day Survey                                    | https://mailchi.mp/070db245f4e8/transitionsurvey<br>For parents/carers of Year 6 SEND children following the open days at Secondary Schools – your feedback is important – pleas  |  |
|   | take a moment to complete this short survey following the open days.  |  |



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| CYP Healthy Weight<br>Service The survey will ask for<br>views on subjects such as<br>weight management, fitness,<br>nutrition, and overall health.<br>The purpose of gathering this<br>information is to give services<br>users an opportunity to<br>feedback as well as enable<br>effective commissioning and<br>service delivery that meets the<br>needs of Hertfordshire<br>residents. | The survey should take 5 -10 mins to complete, the closing date is 4th<br>February.<br><b>For Parents/Carers</b><br>If you have had experience of our children and young people's Healthy<br>Weight Service (provided by BeeZee Bodies), or you have views on this<br>topic, we want to hear from you.<br>Your views are important and can help us understand how to provide<br>services in the future.<br>Our survey will ask you about things like weight management, fitness,<br>and nutrition, and you'll have the chance to win a £50 food voucher.<br><u>https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/CYPHealthyWeightServicePa</u><br><u>rentCarer/</u>   | know if you have been helped<br>you think about things like be<br>well.<br>Please fill in our survey. Your<br>people in the future.<br>You can ask a parent or carer<br>You'll have the chance to en<br>voucher.                                   | ed 8-18 living in Hertfordshire, we want to<br>d by our Healthy Weight Service and what<br>eing a healthy weight, keeping fit and eating<br>ideas will help us understand how to help  |
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| Provider   | Course/Booking   |  | Key Topics   |
| Springboard Letchworth –<br>North Hertfordshire<br>College<br>For Parents, Students,<br>Professionals<br>Please note our address for this<br>event will be:  | North Hertfordshire College is pleased to announce our <b>OPEN AFTERNOC</b><br>Letchworth which will be held on Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February from 2.30pm –<br>premises. This is an opportunity for professionals, parents, and prospecti<br>team and find out more about the Springboard programme.<br>If you are not already aware of Springboard it is a full-time personalised course of<br>the support, knowledge, skills and confidence to become more independent, ma<br>ultimately to progress into mainstream college and work. The course is delivered<br>centres in Watford and Letchworth.<br>Springboard is for young people aged 16-24 who require additional support befor<br>college vocational course or employment. Many of our students have a diagnosis<br>associated emotional and mental health needs that require specialist and bespok<br>move on and make a successful transition to adulthood. We do also consider 15 | 5.30pm at our prestigious<br>ive students to meet the<br>which provides students with<br>ke informed decisions and<br>l in self-contained teaching<br>ore progressing to a cross<br>s or traits of autism. Many have<br>ke support before they can | To help us to manage numbers we would<br>appreciate a confirmation from you as to<br>what time you are planning to attend.<br>If you would like to attend please RSVP<br>to Mickaela<br>Windsor <u>mwindsor@nhc.ac.uk</u> or<br>Rebecca<br>Lewis <u>rebecca.lewis@nhc.ac.uk</u> or call us<br>on 07943526089.  |
| Springboard, Letchworth Town<br>Hall,<br>Broadway, Letchworth Garden<br>City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3BX<br>The nearest car park is<br>Morrison's where you can park<br>for free for three hours.  | EHCP.<br>Our students study Employability, Functional Skills Maths and English from E3 to<br>Therapy, Life Skills, Personal Development and Wellbeing, Vocational Tasters in A<br>Enrichment, and complete 34 hours of work experience in their vocational area of<br>students to transition into cross college vocational courses, supported internship<br>employment by helping them to discover what they want to do after Springboard<br>supporting them at interviews.<br>Students need to meet our assessment criteria in order to access the provision a<br>always considered and decisions are made on a case by case basis and subject to<br>Local Authority.   | Art, Cooking and First Aid,<br>of interest. We support our<br>os or apprenticeships or<br>d, arranging taster sessions and<br>Ithough individual needs are   | If you are unable to attend but would like to<br>find out more about our provision, we would<br>be happy to meet with you on an individual<br>basis. Please email Mickaela or Rebecca at the<br>above emails and we can arrange for you to<br>come in and see us. Alternatively, we can<br>come to your setting to meet with you any<br>groups of students and parents that you<br>believe would benefit from Springboard. |



| Family Lives           | Within My ReachWithin my Reach 8-week programme is for specifically designed for parentsliving together or apart, who are facing conflicts and struggling to find common ground in raising<br>their neurodiverse child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance relationships, strengthen<br>parenting skills and create a more harmonious home environmentTwo courses will be delivered MS Teams over 8 sessions on the following dates :<br>Tuesdays & Thursdays 27 & 29 February, 5 & 7 March, 12 & 14 March and 19 & 21 March 2024<br>7.00pm to 9.00pm, Via MS TeamsWednesdays & Saturdays 28 February & 2 March, 6 & 9 March, 13 & 16 March and 20 & 23 March | <ul> <li>Within My Reach – 8 week programme, facing conflicts and struggling to find common ground raising neurodiverse child.</li> <li>Who can attend: <ul> <li>Parents who are experiencing conflicts and challenges due to the neurodiversity of their child</li> <li>Parents who want to improve communication and build stronger partnership in parenting and coparenting</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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|                        | 2024<br>Wednesday 7-9pm & Saturdays 10am-12pm, Via MS Teams<br>To book a place please click here for our online referral form <u>Reducing Parental Conflict Parenting</u> ,<br>or for further information please call 0204 522 8700 / 0204 522 8699 or<br>email <u>services@familylives.org.uk</u>   | <ul> <li>Parents seeking guidance, support, and practical strategies to navigate the unique challenges of raising a neurodiverse child</li> </ul>   |
| WORKSHOPS, COURS       | ES AND TRAINING  |   |
| Ambitious about Autism | Quality of life at home toolkit   Ambitious about Autism<br>Quality of life at home toolkit – series of five animated films provides advice and guidance<br>on managing the emotional needs of autistic children and young people.   | Animated films – advice/guidance on managing emotional needs  |
| Autism Central         | Autism Central for Parents and Carers   Autism Central<br>The Autism Central Peer Education Programme is for parents, carers and Personal<br>Assistants of autistic people. Support is provided by parents and carers of autistic people<br>who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with others.<br>Listen, offer guidance and tell you about services that are available in your local area.<br>Navigate you to services that can make a difference and empower you. Increase your<br>knowledge, understanding and provide you with skills to last. Essex County Council  <br>Autism Central  | Peer Education Programme - support  |
| Hertfordshire Autism   | Level 1 Autism Training eLearning<br>This online training will take about 30 minutes to complete. It aims to develop an<br>understanding of:<br>Some basic principles of autism, challenging some myths and stereotypes<br>The strengths and areas of difference<br>Simple reasonable adjustments and strategies for practitioners to consider.  | Level 1 Autism Training e-learning  |



|             | To complete the training please follow the link, you will be prompted to complete a short<br>form and be re-directed to the training: <u>Autism elearning form (contensis.com)Autism</u><br><u>elearning form (contensis.com)</u> |   |
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| SPACE Herts | Charity supporting families of children and young people who are neurodivergent (Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia, Tourette's and other neurodiverse conditions).   |   |
|             | Tourette's Workshop Tickets, Thu 15 Feb 2024 at 10:00   Eventbrite  | Tourette's Workshop                       |
| SPACE Herts | <u>Navigating the SEND World Course - 4 week course Tickets, Mon 26 Feb 2024 at 10:00</u><br><u>Eventbrite</u>  | Navigating the SEND World – 4 week course |
|             | EHCP Annual Reviews Workshop Tickets, Mon 26 Feb 2024 at 19:00   Eventbrite   | EHCP Annual Reviews                       |
|             | Understanding Dual Diagnosis: Autism and ADHD Tickets, Tue 27 Feb 2024 at 10:00  <br>Eventbrite   | Understanding Dual Diagnosis              |
|             | Navigating the SEND World Tickets, Wed 28 Feb 2024 at 10:00   Eventbrite  | Navigating the SEND World                 |
|             | Understanding Autism Workshop Tickets, Thu 29 Feb 2024 at 19:00   Eventbrite  | Understanding Autism                      |
| SPACE Herts | FOR PAID ACTIVITIES AND SESSIONS SEE: <u>SPACE HERTFORDSHIRE Events   Eventbrite</u>  | Additional Activities                     |



| Angels Support Group        | Angels is charity that supports families of autistic children and/or children who have ADHD (and those awaiting diagnosis).   |   |   |  |
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|                             | Virtual Meeting via Zoom<br>10am to 12pm  | Face to Face meeting Stevenage<br>10am to 12pm The Phoenix Group  |   |  |
| <u>Angels</u> Support Group | <ul> <li>27 Feb – workshop: PDA (Pathological Demand<br/>Avoidance)</li> <li>5 Mar – Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine<br/>Jones</li> <li>12 Mar – Workshop – Specialist Advisory Support<br/>Service – Masking in schools: things to help</li> <li>19 Mar – Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine<br/>Jones</li> <li>26 Mar – Workshop: What makes a good EHCP</li> <li>Wednesday 10am to 12pm, Letchworth Pod</li> <li>28 Feb – Meet Up and Chat</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>29 Feb – Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones</li> <li>7 Mar – Meet Up and Chat</li> <li>14 Mar – Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones</li> <li>21 Mar – Meet Up and Chat</li> <li>28 Mar – Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones</li> <li>Evening Meeting via Zoom 7:30pm to 8:30pm</li> <li>7 Mar – Evening Parent/Carer Support Group</li> </ul> | Support Groups and workshops,<br>Meet up and Chat<br><u>www.angelssuupportgroup.org.uk</u> / <u>Angels</u><br><u>Spring Term Programme</u><br>(angelssupportgroup.org.uk) |  |
|                             | • 20 Mar – Meet Up and Chat       • 28 Mar – Evening Parent/Carer Support Group         Find courses and things to do (hertfordshire.gov.uk)         Membership (free) is required: Membership Application Form - Angels Support Group  |   |   |  |
| ADD-Vance                   | A registered charity with a team of over 20 dedicated trainers, coaches, admin staff and volunteers – supporting families of children with ADHD and/or Autism. Some HCC Funded workshops are recorded to enable you to watch at a convenient time.  |   |   |  |
| ADD-vance <u>Eventbrite</u> | Understanding ADHD and Autism-FREE ONLINE COURSE FOR DADS PLUS WIDER FAMILY<br>Tickets, Wed 14 Feb 2024 at 10:00   Eventbrite   |   | Dads plus wider family –<br>Understanding ADHD and Autism   |  |
| ADD-vance <u>Eventbrite</u> | Understanding ADHD and Autism in the Early<br>Wed 14 Feb 2024 at 19:00   Eventbrite   | Years for Dads-FREE 6 WK COURSE Tickets,  | Early Years for Dads – 6 week course<br>– understanding ADHD and Autism   |  |
| ADD-vance <u>Eventbrite</u> | Tips & Tools to Support Emotional Development - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Mon         Tips/Tools Emotional Development           26 Feb 2024 at 19:00   Eventbrite         FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Mon         Tips/Tools Emotional Development   |   |   |  |
| ADD-vance Eventbrite        | Tips & Tools to Support Communication - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Wed 28 Feb       Tips,         2024 at 10:00   Eventbrite       Tips,   |   | Tips/Tools Support Communication  |  |
| ADD-vance <u>Eventbrite</u> | Tips & Tools to Manage Eating Difficulties - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Thu 29 Feb           2024 at 10:00   Eventbrite  |   | Tips/Tools Manage Eating Difficulties   |  |



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| Supporting Links        | A local Social Enterprise, providing parenting support through courses, workshops and 1:1 mentoring of parents and children.   |  |  |
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| Supporting Links        | Workshops: We have a number of single session workshops for parents of children with diagnosed or suspected ASD and or ADHD. These are funded by Herts County Council so are free for parents who live or go to school in Herts to attend. See website for flyers and links: <u>New What's On (supportinglinks.co.uk)</u>  |  |  |
| Supporting Links        | Talking ASD/ADHD: Tech use – Wednesday, 28 February 2024 Talking ASD and ADHD:         Tech Use (630). For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Wed 28 Feb 2024 at 19:30         Eventbrite  | AS/ADHD Tech use                               |  |
| Supporting Links        | Talking ASD/ADHD: Sibling Struggles – Monday, 25 March 2024Talking ASD and ADHD: Sibling Struggles. For parents/carers in Herts (629)Registration, Mon 25 Mar 2024 at 19:30   Eventbrite   | ASD/ADHD – Sibling Struggles                   |  |
| <u>Supporting</u> Links | Talking Teens• 7 Feb to 20 Mar Wednesdays 7:45pm to 9:15pm Course ID 6256 weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 12-19The Teen Brain – physical/emotional changes. Link between behaviour and communicating difficult<br>feelings. Maintain relationship and good communication. Understanding risk taking behaviour.<br>Negotiate/Reduce conflict.New What's On (supportinglinks.co.uk)Booking: bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk   | Talking Teens – 6 week course                  |  |
| Supporting Links        | <ul> <li>Talking Dads         <ul> <li>6 Feb to 19 Mar Tuesdays 7:45pm to 9:15pm Course ID 628</li> <li>6 weekly sessions for dads/male carers of all ages.</li> <li>Improved listening and communication skills. A healthy dad-child relationship now and in the future.</li> <li>Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict. How to enforce boundaries. Being the Dad you want to be.</li> <li>Bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | Talking Dads – 6 week course                   |  |
| Supporting Links        | <ul> <li>Talking Anxiety in Families         <ul> <li>29 Jan to 11 Mar, Mondays 7:45pm to 9:15pm Course ID 621</li> <li>6 weekly sessions for parents/carers of children aged 12-19</li> <li>Understand why young people and adults get anxious. Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others. Recognise the early signs of anxiety/avoid escalation. Reduce stress and tension. Encourage resilient behaviour and strengthen relationships.</li> <li>Bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Talking Anxiety in Families – 6 week<br>course |  |



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| <u>Supporting</u> Links<br><u>Families</u> in Focus               | <ul> <li>Talking Families         <ul> <li>1 Feb to 14 Mar Thursdays 8am to 9:30am Course ID 623</li> <li>6 weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 0-12.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Manage challenging behaviour with consistency. Encourage positive behaviour. Build your child's self-esteem. Set and maintain boundaries. Respond to tantrums and difficult feelings. Develop strong parent/child relationships now and the future.</li> <li>Booking: <a href="mailto:bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk">bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk</a></li> <li>Handling anger of primary aged children with Autism or ADHD</li> </ul>   | Talking Families – 6 week course<br>Handling Anger in Primary Aged  |
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|   | Award winning courses, funded by HCC FREE for parents of primary aged children with ADHD and/or<br>Autism, living in Hertfordshire<br>This course for parents provides practical support to understand why children and adults react with<br>anger and provides proven techniques to reduce angry meltdowns and increase emotional regulation<br>for the whole family.<br><b>Thursday mornings 9:30am to 11:30am 29 February, 7, 14, 21, 28 March</b><br>Email Francine & Lesley: <u>bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk</u>   | Children – Autism and ADHD – FREE<br>6 week course  |
| <u>Families</u> in Focus  | A complete guide to parenting neurodiverse children<br>FREE 10 week course for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting children with Autism or ADHD<br>(inclusive of those with a diagnosis or awaiting assessment) aged 2 to 11 yrs. Gain a greater<br>understanding and answer the question "Why does my child do that?" Learn a range of strategies<br>and solutions to better manage behaviours that challenge. Understand sensory needs of children.<br>Increase understanding of children's common sleep issues. Learn how to support siblings living with a<br>neurodiverse sister/brother. Communicate effectively with children to increase children's emotional<br>regulation. Meet other parents living in families similar and share experiences.<br><b>Tuesday mornings</b> 9:30am to 11:30am 9, 16, 23, 30 Jan, 6, 13, 27 Feb, 5, 12, 19 March<br>OR <b>Tuesday evenings:</b> 6:30pm to 8:30pm 9, 16, 23, 30 Jan, 6, 13, 27 Feb, 5, 12, 19 March<br>Booking: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk | A complete guide to parenting<br>neurodiverse children – FREE 10<br>week course (with diagnosis or<br>waiting for assessment) |
| Autism Hertfordshire<br>Transition Service for 16-20<br>year olds | Workshops for ages 16 to 25 email <u>Rachel.hatton@autismherts.org</u><br>Parents & Cares of autistic young adults (16-25)  | Current Concurr   |
|   | Support Groups » Autism Bedfordshire Upcoming Events » Autism Bedfordshire  | Support Group<br>Upcoming Events  |
| Autism UK   | Social stories and comic strip conversations (autism.org.uk)  | Social Stories and Comic Strip<br>Conversations   |



| ADHD Foundation                     | Resources Archive - ADHD Foundation : ADHD Foundation   | Resources   |
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| The Add-Vantage                     | Coffee & Connection - ADHD Womens Wellbeing Community Hub Tickets, Multiple Dates<br><u>Eventbrite</u>  | For Women with ADHD – Coffee &<br>Connection                        |
|                                     | Recharge Retreat Day - ADHD Womens Wellbeing Community Hub Tickets   Eventbrite   | For Women with ADHD – Recharge<br>Retreat Day                       |
| ADHD UK                             | Right to Choose - ADHD UKRight to Choose (NHS England)If you are based in England under the NHS you now have a legal right to choose your   |   |
|                                     | mental healthcare provider and your choice of mental healthcare team. This important right means that, for instance, should you decide the waiting time for your ADHD   |   |
|                                     | assessment is too long, then you can choose alternative providers. The provider must supply the service to the NHS somewhere in England. See website for full details.  |   |
| Up on <u>Downs</u>                  | A parent run organisation that supports families of children with Down's Syndrome.  | Local Down's Syndrome Support                                       |
| Down's Syndrome<br>Association      | Down's Syndrome Listening Service<br>Listening Service - Downs Syndrome Association (downs-syndrome.org.uk)   | Down's Syndrome Listening Service                                   |
| Phoenix Group for Deaf<br>Children  | Find courses and things to do (hertfordshire.gov.uk)<br>About Us - The Phoenix Group for Deaf Children  | Local Group for Deaf Children                                       |
| National Deaf Children's<br>Society | Learn British Sign Language Online   National Deaf Children's Society (ndcs.org.uk)   | FREE signing Courses for Families                                   |
| Herts Dyslexia Charity              | Herts Dyslexia Charity   EVENTS<br>FREE Webinar – Five frequently asked questions to the BDA Helpline – This presentation<br>will outline the five most frequently asked questions from parents who want to support<br>their children at home. The webinar will provide ideas and guidance as to how to support<br>learners at home with their studies. Different types of technology and software. | Dyslexia webinar – ideas and guidance –<br>support learners at home |



|   | SEND Drop In - Free Drop In   |  |
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| NORTH HERTS FAMILY<br>CENTRE  | Letchworth Garden City Church, The Icknield Centre, Icknield Way, Letchworth, SG6 1EF<br>Monthly from 10.00am to 11.30am<br>6th March / 3rd April<br>Walsworth Road Baptist Church Hall, Walsworth Road, Hitchin, SG4 9SP<br>Monthly from 9:30am to 11.00am<br>14th March / 11th April<br>Royston Methodist Church, Queens Road, Royston, SG8 7AU<br>Monthly from 9:30am to 11.00am<br>23rd February / 22nd March   | SEND Drop-In<br><u>What's On North Herts District</u><br><u>Spring 2024 (mailchi.mp)</u>   |
| SfYP Megamix Project for<br>Young People aged 13-17<br>with Learning Difficulties | 6:30pm to 8:30pm FREE<br>Bowes Lyon Young People's Centre, Stevenage<br>Join in, have some fun and make new friends. <b>Runs on Tuesday evenings</b> . Wide range of activities for you<br>to get involved with, all designed specifically for young people with particular needs and support. Sport &<br>Games, Arts & Crafts, Drama, Music, Topical discussion groups, advice on relationships and sexual health. | Booking Essential: Services for Young<br>People Stevenage Team, tel: 01438<br>843340, text: 07860 065178,<br>email: <u>sfyp.stevenage@hertfordshire.gov</u><br>.uk |
| MENTAL HEALTH AND   | ) WELLBEING   |  |
| Young Minds   | Help Your Child With ADHD   Parents Guide to Support   YoungMinds<br>Autism & Mental Health   Signs & Symptoms of Autism   YoungMinds<br>Transitions, Change & Mental Health   Parents Guide   YoungMinds   | Guide: Help your child with ADHD<br>Guide: Autism and Mental Health<br>Guide: Transitions and Change   |
| Challenging Behaviour Foundation  | Video challenging behaviour - Challenging Behaviour Foundation<br>Positive Behaviour Support - Challenging Behaviour Foundation   | Resource – Challenging Behaviour   |
| Recovery College online   | Your mental health - Recovery College Online  | Mental Health Recovery   |
| Give Us a Shout   | Free, 24/7 mental health text support in the UK   Shout 85258 (giveusashout.org)  | Free 24/7 mental health text support   |



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| Provider   | Course/Booking   |  |  | Key Topics   |
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| JUST TALK<br><u>Emotional wellbeing</u><br>information and resources to<br>help young people in<br><u>Hertfordshire</u><br>(justtalkherts.org) | there are 5 things we should do m<br>If you are in Primary School:<br><u>Herts CC - Five Ways to Wellbeing f</u><br>If you are in Secondary School:<br><u>Herts CC - Five Ways to Wellbeing f</u><br>(justtalkherts.org) | g Journal : <u>FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING JOURNAL</u><br>justtalkherts.org)  | sleep y<br>Include<br>Immur<br>you wa<br>Thrive<br>startin<br>Thrive | o sleep well for teenagers : <u>How to</u><br>well for teenagers   Evelina London<br>es: Body Image, Exam Stress, Diabetes,<br>hisation <u>Health For Teens   Everything</u><br>anted to know about health<br>and Survive guide for young people<br>og university:<br>and Survive Guide September 2023<br>Ikherts.org) |
| Mental Health First Aid<br>Training  | <ul> <li>1 Day Champion Course for<br/>Parents and Carers of 8 to 18<br/>year olds FREE</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>An understanding of common mental health issues and how they can affect young people.</li> <li>Ability to spot signs of mental ill health in young people and guide them to a place of support</li> <li>Knowledge and confidence to advocate for mental health awareness</li> <li>Skills to support positive wellbeing</li> </ul> | <u>cour</u><br><u>Mar</u><br><u>Menta</u><br><u>for Par</u>          | tal Health First Aid (MHFA) 1 day<br>se for Parents & Carers Tickets, Thu 7<br>2024 at 09:30   Eventbrite<br>I Health First Aid (MHFA) 1 day course<br>rents & Carers Tickets, Thu 7 Mar 2024<br>30   Eventbrite   |



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| Mental Health First Aid<br>Training | • 2 Day First Aider Course –<br>suitable for everyone who<br>teaches, works, lives or cares<br>for 8 to 18 year olds FULLY<br>FUNDED  | <ul> <li>An in depth understanding of young people's mental health and factors that affect wellbeing.</li> <li>Practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues</li> <li>Confidence to reassure and support a young person in distress.</li> <li>Enhanced interpersonal skills such as non-judgemental listening</li> <li></li></ul> | • <u>Mental Health First Aid</u><br>(MHFA) 2 Day Course- 14th<br>& 19th March 2024 Tickets,<br>Multiple Dates   Eventbrite |
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| Anti-Bullying Resources             | <ul> <li>Our JustTalk partners are also supporting this work, SandBox have a whole resource section on bullying to support young people, this is a great place to look at resources and signpost young people to. <u>The Resource Zone (mindler.co.uk)</u></li> <li>WithYouth are also supporting young people through their live chat with friendship issues/conflict resolution and bullying concerns from 2-10pm everyday <u>Instant messaging - WithYouth</u></li> <li>All of this information and more resources can be found on our JustTalk page <u>Anti-Bullying Information (justtalkherts.org)</u></li> <li><u>Helping Children Deal with Bullying &amp; Cyberbullying   NSPCC</u></li> </ul> |   |  |
| NESSie                              | <ul> <li>Parent/Carer Chat and Connect Session – online via MS Teams</li> <li>This monthly, regular online drop in offers an informal space to share and connect with other parent/carers who have similar experiences supporting the child's mental health. These sessions are facilitated by Specialist Family Support Workers who can offer advice and support. Different topic each month.</li> <li>Nessie Public Booking Platform V2.0 (procfu.com)</li> </ul>   |   |  |



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|        | Parent/Carer Webinar – LGBTQ+/Gender Questioning  |
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|        | • This webinar is designed for parents and cares who may be supporting children and young people in the LGBTQ+ community who may be trans or gender questioning.  |
| NESSI  | • This session will provide an opportunity to develop an understanding of the spectrum of gender identify support for trans, gender questioning and non-binary children and young people.   |
| NESSie | • We will explore strategies to assist children and young people and the support available for them in the educational settings and the wider community.  |
|        | • This course has been written with members of the LGBTQ+ Community.  |
|        | Thursday, 7 March 9:30am to 11am  |
|        | Nessie Public Booking Platform V2.0 (procfu.com)  |
|        | Parent/Carer Webinar – Bereavement and Loss   |
|        | <ul> <li>Enable parents/carers to develop their confidence in supporting their children with bereavement and loss.</li> </ul>   |
| NESSie | • Explore strategies to support their children to discuss aspects of bereavement and loss, including divorce and separation.  |
| INCOSE | <ul> <li>Provide a space to look at and identify effective support and management for the whole family.</li> </ul>  |
|        | Tuesday, 12 March 9:30am to 11am  |
|        | Nessie Public Booking Platform V2.0 (procfu.com)  |
| NESSie | Parent/Carer Webinar – Self-Harming Behaviours  |
|        | The aim of this early intervention webinar is to share helpful tools and strategies to support your child.  |
|        | • Children and young people sometimes use self-injurious behaviours as coping mechanism. This can be very distressing for them and their  |
|        | parents/carers when they don't have strategies to support them and keep them safe.  |
|        | • This webinar will provide current information for families about managing, signposting and supporting with appropriate interventions. It will offer parents/carers a chance to ask open questions in a warm and supportive environment. |
|        | Wednesday, 13 March 9:30am to 11am  |
|        | Nessie Public Booking Platform V2.0 (procfu.com)  |



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| NESSie                                | Parent/Carer Chat and Connect Session – Hertfordshire   | Hertfordshire parents - NESSie IN ED,                                      |
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|                                       | <ul> <li>This monthly, regular online drops in offers an informal space to share and connect<br/>with other parents/carers who have similar experience supporting their child's mental</li> </ul>   | <u>CIC</u>   |
|                                       | <ul> <li>health. These sessions are facilitated by Specialist Family Support Worker who can offer advice and support. Each month we will cover a different topic – see social media for updates.</li> <li>FREE funded by HCC</li> </ul>   | Parent/Carer Chat Connect Session  |
|                                       | Nessie Public Booking Platform (procfu.com)   |  |
|                                       | NESSie is funded by HCC to support parents/carers of children and young people with emotional and mental health issues. The aim of this work is to help parents/carers develop a positive and more confident approach to supporting their young person, whilst offering a chance to gain peer support; useful strategies and practical tools.   | Mental Health support for parents/carers – 1-<br>1, online, support groups |
|                                       | <ul> <li>FREE online and face-to-face workshops on a range of mental health issues that affect children and young people.</li> <li>Parent Support Line 07932 651319 (Wednesdays 9am to 12pm or by appointment)</li> <li>Private moderated Facebook support groups. support advice sessions</li> <li>1-1 Peer support groups: a confidential group, where parents will have an opportunity to share</li> </ul> |  |
|                                       | their experiences, support each other through challenges and identify coping strategies. For more information: <u>Podio</u>   |  |
| Children's Wellbeing<br>Practitioners | HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Events   Eventbrite<br>Upcoming courses: Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation, Emotional Wellbeing Workshop,<br>Sleep Workshop, Developing Your Child's Emotional Literacy   | Check for available courses, please<br>note they book up quickly           |
| Places are sold out<br>quickly        | Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Service   Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (hct.nhs.uk) Pre-<br>recorded webinar, workshops for parents / carers and young people and links to the guidance docs.   | School Avoidance   |
|                                       | Developing Your Child's Emotional Literacy Tickets, Thu 21 Mar 2024 at 18:00   Eventbrite   | Developing Your Child's Emotional<br>Literacy                              |
|                                       | Adolescent Self-esteem Workshop Tickets, Thu 21 Mar 2024 at 18:00   Eventbrite  | Adolescent Self-Esteem   |
|                                       | Resilience Workshop Tickets, Wed 27 Mar 2024 at 18:00   Eventbrite  | Resilience Workshop  |
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| The <u>Sandbox</u><br>Online Mental Health Digital<br>Advice and Guidance Services<br>for 10-25s l  | The Sandbox: online Mental Health Digital Advice and<br>Guidance Services for 10-25s launching 1 April 2023<br>The Sandbox is an NHS-funded service to support<br>children and young people in Hertfordshire with their<br>mental health and well-being.   | This new free NHS funded service offer a website<br>with access to games, worksheets, group chats and<br>online events for children, young people, their<br>parents/carers, teachers and other professionals.<br>The Sandbox provides access to internet enabled<br>Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (iCBT), or one to one<br>support from professional therapists by text,<br>phone, online chat or video call, based on a triage<br>of the young person's needs | <ul> <li>Website: 24/7</li> <li>Therapy sessions: 7am-10pm<br/>Mondays-Fridays and 10am-10pm<br/>Saturdays and Sundays</li> <li>Live Chat: 10am-8pm Mondays-Fridays<br/>Signing up is easy and doesn't require a<br/>referral from a professional:</li> <li>Sandbox Homepage (getcerebral.co.uk)</li> </ul> |
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| Looking after your mental<br>health and wellbeing<br>through winter                                 | looking-after-your-mental-health-and-wellbeir  | ng-through-winter-hertfordshire (icb.nhs.uk)   |   |
| Bereavement: Living with Grief  | f and Loss   HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-iapt.nhs.uk  | <u>)</u>   | Bereavement and Grief   |
| Care for Carers   HPFT IAPT Se  | rvices (hpft-iapt.nhs.uk)  |  | Care for Carers   |
| Carers: Managing Difficult Emotions and Building Resilience   HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-iapt.nhs.uk) |  |  | Carers: Managing Difficult<br>Emotions/Building Resilience  |
| Dealing with Depression   HPF   | T IAPT Services (hpft-iapt.nhs.uk)   |  | Dealing with Depression   |
| How to sleep better   HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-iapt.nhs.uk)   |  | How to sleep better  |   |
| Managing Worry   HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-iapt.nhs.uk)  |  | Managing worry   |   |
| Understanding Low Self-esteem   HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-iapt.nhs.uk)                               |  | Understanding low self esteem  |   |
| Becoming a parent or caregive   | r and emotional wellbeing   HPFT IAPT Services   | (hpft-iapt.nhs.uk)   | Becoming a parent or caregiver  |
| Mind Hertfordshire Network CYP  | Spark – A Creative Space for Young People's Wellbeing<br>Informal drop-in group is for anyone aged 12-17 who wou<br>wellbeing. To come along email cyp@hertsmindnetwork.c<br>This will be starting soon on Monday's 6pm to 8pm Letchy<br>Herts, there is an initial contact form to fill in on referral, a<br>to expect. <u>Home - WithYouth</u> | org<br>vorth Wellbeing Centre. It is for those living in North   | Creative Space for Young People   |
| This May Help   | Home   ThisMayHelp Topics include: How to help someone who self harms. How to moderate yo and boundaries with a teenager. What to do if you t  |  | Topics:<br>o Self-Harm<br>o Video Gaming  |



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|                           | support a child who doesn't want to go to school. How to protect my child on the internet. How to talk about mental health. How to build family resilience. Parenting a child with mental health issues. Sources of help for parents of children with mental illness.  | <ul> <li>Establish Trust and Boundaries</li> <li>Eating Disorder</li> <li>Mental Health</li> <li>Resilience</li> </ul>   |
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| <u>Carers</u> in Herts    | <ul> <li>CAMHS Online Monthly Support Group for Parents and Carers</li> <li>Parents/carers of young people who are accessing a HPFT CAMHS or HCT Step 2 service, or who are waiting to be seen can attend a monthly online support group hosted by Carers in Herts.<br/>The group provides opportunities to meet other parents/carers in similar situations, share experiences, learn coping strategies and gain useful information.<br/>The group takes place on the first Tuesday of every month between 7 - 9pm, online via Zoom.</li> <li><i>"This group offers so much support and information, letting me know I'm not alone, even at the most challenging of times." Parent.</i></li> <li>Carers in Herts are asking professionals to help spread the word about the group to parents/carers they are working with, or who are waiting to be seen.</li> </ul> | CAMHS Monthly Support Group via Carers in<br>Herts<br>Carewaves and Newsletters - Carers<br>In Herts<br>For more information or to book a place:<br>Call: 01992 586969<br>Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk<br>Go online: CAMHS Online Support Group<br>(carersinherts.org.uk) |
| Herts Mind <u>Network</u> | Overcoming Social Anxiety – Hertfordshire Mind Network (hertsmindnetwork.org) Course details coming soon   | Coming soon : Overcoming Social Anxiety  |
| Young Minds               | If your child has been denied support from CAMHS, or you are still waiting to be seen, you can contact Young<br>Minds through the Parents Helpline on 0808 802 5544 from 9:30am to 4pm. You will be connected to trained<br>advisors, they will listen to your concerns and ask key questions to understand your situation as best they can.<br>They will tailor advice to your situation and suggest practical steps you can take and ways to support your child<br>whilst waiting to access help from services. This could include contact details for relevant support services,<br>practical tips you can implement at home or giving you advice around alternative options for support.   | CAMHS Support via Young Minds  |
| <u>JustTalkHerts</u>      | The Real Bodies in Herts Campaign<br>Just Talk (justtalkherts.org)<br>Resources and Webinars<br>Real Bodies in Herts (justtalkherts.org)   | The Real Bodies Campaign   |
|                           | <ul> <li>What's Next? Let's Just Talk about the Future</li> <li>What's Next? Let's Just Talk about the Future (justtalkherts.org)</li> <li>Thinking about the future can be worrying or stressful, take a look at some practical tools and useful information to help you look after your mental health: <ul> <li>Manage Your Worries (Self Help Tools)</li> <li>Support with Future Plans</li> <li>Volunteering and Looking for a Job</li> <li>Real Hertfordshire Positive Future Stories</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | What's Next? Let's Just Talk about the Future.   |
| Nip In the Bud            | https://youtu.be/uMdDB8Gxono<br>Promoting awareness of mental health disorders in children – Does my child Need help?  | Early Intervention   |



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| HCC Services for Young People                          | Services for Young People North Herts Wellbeing Project at Hitchin Young People's Centre<br>  If you're aged 12-15 and struggling w   Services for Young People Listings   | 12 to 15 year olds struggling with<br>anxiety or low-mood, Meet weekly –<br>Term Time |
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| Mind Hertfordshire<br>Network CYP Digital<br>Wellbeing | Lumi Nova: Therapeutic Digital Intervention Gaming App<br>7 to 12 years (sch yrs 3 to 7) who are experiencing anxiety, might also benefit from an evidence<br>based digital therapeutic intervention via game app Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage. Can play without<br>having an assessment or diagnosis   | Digital Wellbeing Services  |
|  | With YOUth - Children & Young People's Digital Wellbeing Service<br>Launching this autumn, to help young people manage their worries.  | Digital directory   |
|  | New digital early help service from Monday, 3 October<br><b>CYP aged 5 to18</b> will be eligible to use the new service, to enable them to seek support if they are<br>experiencing problems with their emotional and mental wellbeing; mild to moderate anxiety,<br>behavioural difficulties, school attendance, low mood, relationship difficulties, bullying or self-<br>harm. Not for children who are in crisis. <u>www.withyouth.org</u> (live from 3 Oct)<br>Digital Directory - Self-help Library and more; evidence based resources, goal-based worksheets,<br>videos, sound bites. Easy to online referral for young people. | Gaming App - Anxiety Help   |
|  | <u>Stevenage – Mind in Mid Herts</u><br>Wellbeing Support Groups: Men's Group / LGBTQ+ Group, Drop-In, Arts & Crafts, Womens<br>Group  | See website for full details  |
| <b>UPDATED LISTING WEEK 87</b><br>Mind in Mid Herts    | North Herts – Mind in Mid Herts<br>Outreach Support<br>Hitchin – Walk & Talk Group<br>Baldock – Wellbeing Group<br>Royston – Arts & Crafts + Wellbeing Group   | Learning to Relax   |



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| PARENTING (INCL | UDING SEND) AND RELATIONSHIPS & SEND/AUTISM/ADHD  |  |
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| Family Lives    | <ul> <li>Parenting SEN Children when Separated</li> <li>Parenting SEN Children when separated' 6-week programme is specifically tailored to help separated parents navigate the complexities of co-parenting and provide the best possible support for their SEND child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance co-parenting skills, support children's development and build a strong foundation for the future.</li> <li>Mondays, 29 January, 5, 12 &amp; 26 February and 4 &amp; 11 March 2024, 7.00pm – 9.00pm MS Teams</li> <li>To book a place please click here for our online referral form <u>Reducing Parental Conflict Parenting</u>, or for further information please call 0204 522 8700 / 0204 522 8699 or email <u>services@familylives.org.uk</u></li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>6 week programme – Parenting SEN<br/>Children with Separated</li> <li>Who can attend: <ul> <li>Separated parents raising<br/>children with SEND.</li> <li>Parents seeking guidance,<br/>support, and strategies for co-<br/>parenting SEN children more<br/>consistently.</li> <li>Parents wanting to create a<br/>positive and supportive<br/>environment for their child's<br/>development.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| Family Lives    | <ul> <li>Within My Reach</li> <li>Within my Reach 8-week programme is for specifically designed for parents living together or apart, who are facing conflicts and struggling to find common ground in raising their neurodiverse child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance relationships, strengthen parenting skills and create a more harmonious home environment</li> <li>Two courses will be delivered MS Teams over 8 sessions on the following dates :</li> <li>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays 27 &amp; 29 February, 5 &amp; 7 March, 12 &amp; 14 March and 19 &amp; 21 March 2024 7.00pm to 9.00pm, Via MS Teams</li> <li>Wednesdays &amp; Saturdays 28 February &amp; 2 March, 6 &amp; 9 March, 13 &amp; 16 March and 20 &amp; 23 March 2024</li> <li>Wednesday 7-9pm &amp; Saturdays 10am-12pm, Via MS Teams</li> <li>To book a place please click here for our online referral form Reducing Parental Conflict Parenting , or for further information please call 0204 522 8700 / 0204 522 8699 or email services@familylives.org.uk</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Within My Reach – 8 week<br/>programme, facing conflicts and<br/>struggling to find common ground<br/>raising neurodiverse child.</li> <li>Who can attend: <ul> <li>Parents who are experiencing<br/>conflicts and challenges due to<br/>the neurodiversity of their child</li> <li>Parents who want to improve<br/>communication and build<br/>stronger partnership in<br/>parenting and coparenting their<br/>neurodiverse child.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Parents seeking guidance, support, and<br/>practical strategies to navigate the<br/>unique challenges of raising a<br/>neurodiverse child</li> </ul> |



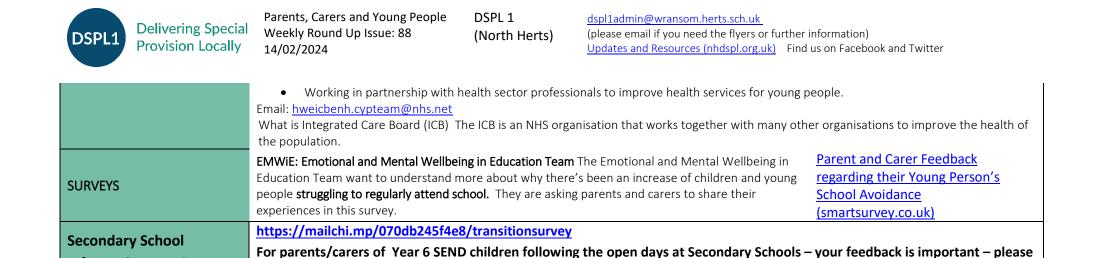
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| Fledglings  | Fledglings is a non-profit shop that helps children with additional needs by supplying products & equipment that help with everyday challenges. You'll find all sorts of things including sensory toys, incontinence swimwear and adaptive clothing. <u>Adaptive Clothes</u> Incontinence Swim Sensory SEN   Fledglings  | Additional needs products & equipment  |
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| HCC   | Parenting When Separated Programme<br>A practical and positive evidence based course for parents who are preparing for or have<br>gone through a separation or divorce. It is a six-week course, FREE to attend. Both<br>parents can attend but it is recommended you attend separate groups. Sessions are 2.5hrs<br>with up to 12 parents. Parenting When Separated Referral Form (hertfordshire.gov.uk)  | Separation/Divorce – Parenting   |
| Priority Support Register<br>(get support in the event of<br>a power cut) | Sign up to the Priority Support Register to get support in the event of a power cut (all ages). If you have a child under 5, or someone in your household with a serious health issue or impairment, you might be eligible for free priority support from the UK Power Networks – which means, in the event of a power cut, you would get a 24 hour support telephone number and other personalised assistance, which could include support such as hot meals. If this applies to you make sure you register your details.             | Sign up to Priority Services Register  <br>UK Power Networks<br>Go online or call free on 0800 169<br>9970 to register your details. |
| Heads Up! Mentoring<br>Scheme for Young People<br>with SEND (ages 14-18)  | Head Up! Is accepting mentee signups for their 2024 mentoring programme! Head Up! Is an organisation run by a group of university students who have a variety of disabilities, physical & mental health conditions, learning difficulties and neurodiversity. They want to share their advice and experiences of dealing with these in school, university & in their social lives in the hope that other young people will feel supported, encouraged and able to keep going: to overcome extra challenges and to chase big ambitions. | Head Up!   Home (head-up.org)  |
|   | Their free mentoring scheme supports 14-18 year-olds who self-identify as disabled (or anyone who has a physical /mental health condition, SpLD, or neurodivergence). Mentees are paired with a student or recent graduate with a similar condition or studying a particular subject. They meet online for an hour per month for at least 1 year.  |  |
|   | Find out more information, access articles and resources, and sign up for the mentoring scheme<br>Safeguarding policies are available on the website; mentors have DBS checks and safeguarding<br>training.  |  |
| Yoga Class for children with SEN  | The class will consist of gentle yoga poses, breathing practices and time for relaxation and mindfulness. Rach is a qualified Special yoga practitioner. <u>Find courses and things to do</u> (hertfordshire.gov.uk) <u>Kid's Yoga Class - SEND Yogis</u>  |  |



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| BEEZEE BODIES   | Helping you make healthy habits as a family – FREE healthy lifestyle courses!<br><u>Award Winning Weight Loss and Behaviour Change programmes (beezeebodies.com)</u><br>For Families (beezeebodies.com)  | Healthy Lifestyle Courses  |
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| SfYP Megamix Project for Young<br>People aged 13-17 with Learning<br>Difficulties | 6:30pm to 8:30pm FREE Bowes Lyon Young People's Centre, Stevenage<br>Join in, have some fun and make new friends. <b>Runs on Tuesday evenings</b> . Wide range of activities for you<br>to get involved with, all designed specifically for young people with particular needs and support. Sport &<br>Games, Arts & Crafts, Drama, Music, Topical discussion groups, advice on relationships and sexual health. | Booking Essential: Services for Young<br>People Stevenage Team, tel: 01438<br>843340, text: 07860 065178,<br>email: <u>sfyp.stevenage@hertfordshire.gov</u><br>.uk |
| Family Lives  | Building resilience in children and teens   Family Lives   | Infographic – building resilience  |
|   | Let's Play   Family Lives  | Online Let's Play Free course  |
| Families in Focus CIC   | Families in Focus CIC - community: https://www.facebook.com/groups/184975381651870/         Practitioners do join our Practitioner Facebook         community: https://www.facebook.com/groups/596362130530293/         Web: www.familiesinfocus.co.uk       Email: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk         Office hours: Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 4.30pm Term time   | supporting & enabling parent carers<br>to remain emotionally healthy<br>Parents do join our supportive<br>Facebook   |
| Ohana   | Ohana   Hertfordshire County Council<br>Ohana is a free to attend support group for young parents who are in care or who are care<br>leavers – meet other parents, support each other, hear form guest speakers.<br>See website for Summer Events.   |  |
| Phase   | Phase Hitchin - Passionate about helping young people (phase-hitchin.org)  | Resources for parents and young people – wellbeing and resilience  |
| Норе UK   | Home - Hope UK   | Alcohol and drug advice for parents and young people   |
| Healthwatch   | Parents and carers voice their concerns about accessing GP Practices   Healthwatch Hertfordshire   | Healthwatch  |
| Capa First Response   | Capa First Response   You are not alone - Capa First Response<br>We support families and professionals impacted by child or adolescent on parent abuse.  | Child/adolescent on parent abuse support   |
| Hertfordshire and West Essex<br>Integrate Care Board                              | <ul> <li>YOUTH COUNCIL</li> <li>Opportunity for young people aged between 12-19 yrs old or up to 25 for young people with Special B newly established ICB Youth Council. Are you interested in: <ul> <li>Representing the voices of young people within the healthcare system?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | Education Needs or Disabilities, to join the   |



take a moment to complete this short survey following the open days.

**Information Day Survey** 



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## **Children and Young People**

|   | The Local Offer lets parents and young people know what special educational needs and disability services are available in                |
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| -   | Hertfordhisre, and who can access them. Find courses and things to do (hertfordshire.gov.uk)  |
| SEND                                      | Short Breaks (hertfordshire.gov.uk) Short breaks offers disabled children and young people the chance to spend time out with others       |
| O-25 years                                | socialising and doing fun activities, giving their families a break and providing them with confidence their child is well supported by a |
| Hertfordshire's Local Offer               | trained worker. They include holiday and Saturday clubs, and activities range from canoeing and computer skills to logo. You will         |
|   | need to register for Short Breaks (hertfordshire.gov.uk SBLO Application Form ) See if you qualify : Short Breaks                         |
|   | (hertfordshire.gov.uk)  |
|   | Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database   |
|   | Voluntary register of disabled children and young people aged 0-25. By joining you can get discounts at places around the county          |
|   | (and beyond) <u>Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database (HAND)</u>  |
| HAND.                                     |   |
| Hertfordshire<br>Family Centre<br>Service | Hertfordshire Family Centre Service<br>1<br>North Herts Family Centre (hertsfamilycentres.org)  |
|   | Services for Young People Youth projects for young people with learning difficulties and/or learning disabilities. Services for Young     |
| Services for<br>Young People              | People runs projects across Hertfordshire specifically for young people with mild to moderate learning difficulties and/or                |
| roungreopie                               | learning disabilities. See website for current information.   |
| Phoenix Group for Deaf                    | Find courses and things to do (hertfordshire.gov.uk)  |
| Children                                  | About Us - The Phoenix Group for Deaf Children  |
| Up on Downs                               | Front Page - Up On Downs A range of activities for all age groups. Monthly Family and friends meetings in Hitchin for parents and         |
|   | children, siblings and supporters   |
| Sibs                                      | YoungSibs - Sibs For brothers and sisters of disabled children and adults   |
| 505                                       | Advice and support  |
| Herts Sports Disability                   | Various Activities - Lots of locations - Small Charge   |
| Foundation                                | Find an Activity - Herts Disability (hdsf.co.uk)  |
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| Mixed Ability Rugby                | Hertford RFC – A team open to anyone who want to play regular full contact rugby for rugby's sake. If you happen to have some form      |
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| Hertford RFC                       | of disability or barrier but want to play regular rugby, then you are more than welcome. Same goes if you have no disability or         |
|                                    | barrier.  |
| Hertford RFC Mixed Ability         | For more information contact projectrugby@saracens.net or call Matt Thompson 07974 785072   |
| <u>Rugby</u>                       |   |
| Junior Ability Counts              | Open to any child 7-16 years old with a disability or special education need who is able to walk.                                       |
| Football                           | Mondays 5 to 6pm, 6 week course £18   |
|                                    | 5 June to 10 July   |
| Football – more dates              | Book online: <u>www.northhertsarena.co.uk</u>   |
| coming soon – see website          | Our Junior Ability Counts Courses for 7-16 year olds will start back up again in September, 5-6pm on Mondays (term-time only) and       |
| for details                        | will be open to booking via our website closer to the time.   |
| Letchworth Garden City             | Letchworth Garden City Eagles have teamed up with partners Herts Sports Partnership and Hertfordshire Football Association to           |
| Eagles Football                    | deliver weekly sessions for players with any disabilities. The disability sessions will initially run for 12 weeks and are aimed at all |
| <u>Junior Ability Counts –</u>     | differing impairments. The sessions will provide a safe fun learning environment for all players taking part. Run by a qualified coach, |
| <u> Inclusive Football – Every</u> | all sessions will take place on the Hertfordshire FA state of the art 3G pitch and offer the opportunity to participate in exciting and |
| Wednesday 4.00pm to                | engaging practices. As well as developing skills within football, the program will also help improve social skills and confidence. The  |
| <u>5.00pm – Letchworth</u>         | aim of the coaching program is to create an enjoyable and safe environment for everybody to enjoy sport. During the program, we         |
| Garden City Eagles FC              | will look to develop sporting skills, as well as social skills and confidence. 7 to 15 Years. Wednesdays 4pm to 5pm FREE Hertfordshire  |
| (letchwortheagles.org.uk)          | County Ground, Letchworth SG6 2EN Home (nhdspl.org.uk) 07788 391 609  |
| FLYERZ HOCKEY                      | St Albans Flyerz is a disability hockey project which makes hockey available to ALL via inclusive sessions, supported by St Albans      |
| St. Albans HC Flyerz               | Hockey  |
| (stalbanshc.co.uk)                 | St Albans Hockey Club, East Drive, Oaklands College, Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL4 0JA  |
| flyerzsahc@gmail.com               | Sessions are Free of charge, FUN, relaxed, supportive, open to all abilities from age 5 upwards, Run on Sunday mornings during the      |
| <u>Inverzsanc@gmail.com</u>        | club jnr training sessions  |
| Herts Inclusive Theatre            | Stevenage Group, which takes place on Thursdays from 5.45 - 7.15pm at Lonsdale School in Stevenage. Depending on the age of             |
|                                    | participants, we also offer a Power Up programme for 16-25 year olds in East Herts locations such as Bishop's Stortford and East        |
|                                    | Ware, so I think within a half hour drive of some of those places.  |
|                                    | https://hit-theatre.org.uk/events/power-up-16-east-ware/  |
|                                    | https://hit-theatre.org.uk/events/power-up-16-east-bishopsstortford-822/  |
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