



North Herts DSPL E-NEWS

Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers of children with SEND

Amongst the stated DSPL Aims are the following

- Communication between parents and schools/settings is good, engendering trust, confidence, respect and constructive partnership working.
- The local authority works proactively and collaboratively with parents, young people, schools and other stakeholders to increase participation in service planning, delivery and review.

In order to give parents and carers the opportunity to engage with and inform the services their children are involved with and to gauge the need for appropriate support groups we are running a Coffee Morning on **20th May between 9 and 11.30am at The Icknield Centre**

Letchworth. If you know parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities who may be supported or who would like to share their experiences and suggestions please encourage them to attend.

Please confirm attendance with Debbie Robins: nhdsp@wilshere.herts.sch.uk / 07527 828477

We would like to say a big Thank You to Northfields Infants School and the Letchworth Partnership in offering us use of The Pod. It is a great venue and we greatly appreciate being able to use it. We would also like to say thank you to St Mary's Infants School and Hartsfield for hosting training and meetings.

SEND Transition Profile

The North Herts SEND Transition Profile was recently emailed to all SENCOs and Headteachers. Please use it for transition between schools and settings for all children who have; any level of SEND, had any level of SEND or successful interventions in the past.

NHDSPL Website

Our NHDSPL website is in its infancy. We are aiming to add useful documents, future training and a communication section for SENCOs. Please have a look at it at <http://nhdsp.org.uk> and use the "contact us" facility to make suggestions regarding future additions to the website which would help you in your work.

National Centre for Domestic Violence

A refresher training session was recently provided for FSWs by the NCDV. Are you aware that they will provide free training for numbers from 3 to 100? To book your session contact Jonathan at jonathan.lytle@ncdv.org.uk

DSPL Dates

- **Management Group Meeting – 13th May, 1:30pm to 3:30pm LGCP Pod**
- **SENCO Forum – 10th June, 1:30pm to 3:30pm Hartsfield School**

Including the Pupil with Autistic Spectrum Condition in the mainstream Classroom – Concept Training

19th June 2015 - 9:30am to 3:30pm

For class teachers and support assistants will give a clear understanding of the needs of pupils with Autistic Spectrum Condition. It will provide practical strategies to promote inclusion help with teacher and learning and promote positive behaviour and social communication.

Suitable For : Teachers and Learning Support Assistants

Provider : Concept Training

Feedback Quotes “Good insight into how it must feel to be Autistic”, “strategies for classroom”, “practical ideas”

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! NEW YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE LAUNCHED TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DYSPRAXIA NAVIGATE THEIR WAY THROUGH SECONDARY SCHOOL AND THE TURMOIL OF BEING A TEENAGER!

Hitchin based charity Dyspraxia Foundation has recently launched a new support service for young people with dyspraxia and is recruiting volunteers to help with the expected increase in enquiries to its current Helpline Service.

For more information please contact Information Officer Lisa McCarthy on 01462 419483 or email dyspraxia@dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk

KIDS Independent Supporters

During the transitional period of the implementation of EHC Plans, the government has commissioned voluntary and private sector organisations to recruit Independent Supporters to help parents and young people understand, be supported and feel confident throughout these changes.

Working in partnership with Local Authorities, SENDIASS (formally Parent Partnership) Services and Parent Carer Forums, **KIDS** is providing the Independent Supporters Service in Hertfordshire. KIDS Independent Supporters are trained to help families and young people through the new Education, Health and Care Plan assessment, planning and development process. Their approach is to provide support which is flexible to meet a family's individual needs which includes offering advice on the telephone, face to face meetings, including home visits, and joining them in attending meetings in schools or with other professionals.

KIDS Independent Supporters will:

- Listen to parents /carers and the child/young person
- Meet with parents / carers to explain the new process, find out what's working well and what they might like to work better
- Help to start thinking about parents /carers aspirations for their child and what's important for the future
- Support during meetings
- Help to make sure parents /carers and children's views are heard and understood by all involved
- Work with professionals to help gather any information relevant for the assessment
- Help to explain professional reports and recommendations
- Help with any paperwork, including the draft Education, Health and Care Plan
- Help parents and/or young people to understand local referral processes for services and the local offer
- Support young people who are in further education with a Learning Difficulty Assessment (LDA) transferring to an Education, Health and Care Plan

Contact Calvinder.Mandair@kids.org.uk 01992 504013