

*North Herts DSPL 1 Weekly - a roundup of training, information, and events in our area.  
Issue 16 (Parents, Carers & Young People)*

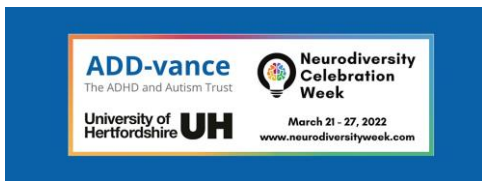
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**NEW** Link you can add to website/newsletters:

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## Parents and Carers

### [Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2022 | Eventbrite](#)



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ADD-vance is delighted to be partnering with the University of Hertfordshire to mark Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2022. Please join us for our FREE LUNCH & LEARN WEBINARS and start a conversation about neurodiversity in your home, school or workplace!

[www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)



### **NEW** Families Feeling Safe - Supporting families with **Protective Behaviours**

A FREE Course for **Dads, Step-Dads and Male Carers** (funded through HCC, eligibility criteria applies) Tuesday evenings online 7:30pm to 9pm 19, 26 April 3, 10, 17, 24 May 2022

A FREE Course for **Mums, Dads, Step-parents and carers** (funding through HCC, eligibility criteria applies) Tuesday mornings 10am to 11:30am 19, 26 April, 3, 10, 17, 24 May 2022.

[enquiries@familiesfeeling-safe.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@familiesfeeling-safe.co.uk) 07748 332606 see flyers for full details

### **Angels Support Group**

[Home - Angels Support Group](#)

Spring Programme: [Microsoft Word - Angels Spring2022 programme \(angelssupportgroup.org.uk\)](#)

[SPACE Hertfordshire](#) runs many free online workshops for parents and carers covering many aspects of supporting children and young people who are autistic, have ADHD or other neurodiverse conditions. See attached **Newsletter**. Upcoming ones include:

[Puberty and Neurodiversity – 10am March 23<sup>rd</sup>](#)

[Navigating the SEND World - Beginning the Journey Workshop Tickets, Thu 24 Mar 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

They also run lots of accessible and bespoke events and activities for neurodiverse children and young people all across Hertfordshire. You can find out about all of their upcoming workshops and events and book here: <https://spaceherts.org.uk/events/>

**Young Minds - Parents Helpline** if concerned about child's mental health (up to age 25), see link for full details. Helpline, webchat and email.

[Parents Helpline | Mental Health Help for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)

**REMINDER Transition Survey** for parent/carers of SEND children currently in Year 6. Please complete this short survey regarding your experience of secondary school open days.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SecondaryTransition2021>

### **REMINDER Family Lives Spring term parenting groups**

See flyers and referral forms

- [Time to Talk about Pre-Teens and Teens \(6 weeks\)](#)  
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The Time to Talk group is particularly suited for parents and or carers of pre-teen/teenagers who are feeling anxious or isolated in the wake of Covid-19, have concerns about their pre-teens' / teens' mental health and feel they might be at risk or involved in risky behaviour. It is also suitable for parents/carers where there is a FFA/CIN/CP. Our free online group gives an insight into their challenging behaviour and ideas on how to negotiate and resolve conflict, to offer support around mental health issues and to improve communication. We accept referrals from professionals as well as self-referrals. Referrals can be made by clicking for our online [Referral form](#) or by emailing a completed referral form. Following our data protection protocols, please note emailed referral forms must be password-protected before sending to [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk) with the password sent in a separate email. Call 0204 522 8700 or 8701 for more information.

### **REMINDER Supporting Links - Talking ASD & ADHD Workshops**

- Responding to **Anger** 28 March 12:30pm to 2:20pm

See Flyer for booking links.

**Supporting Links Spring Training** open for booking [Workshops \(supportinglinks.co.uk\)](#) Flyers are available, please email me for these (Includes: Talking Teens, Talking ADHD/ASC). More details: [All Training, Workshops & Events \(nhdspl.org.uk\)](#)

### **NEW Supporting Children with Additional Needs:**

Funded by HCC, provided by NESSie and Angels Support Group. See flyer for further workshops.

- Supporting a Child with Additional Needs: **Girls and Women:** [Bookings - NESSie IN ED, CIC](#)
- Positively Supporting a **Child Who Self Harms** : [Bookings - NESSie IN ED, CIC](#)
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### **Families in Focus**

[Autism, ADHD & neurodevelopmental conditions/needs courses Spring 2022 / Parent Networks / Handling anger in child with Autism/ADHD]

Funding from Early Help, Hertfordshire Children's Services. All our courses are evidence based and have a continue to deliver effective, evidence based support to parents caring for neurotypical and neurodiverse children across Hertfordshire. Our SEND courses are accessible for parents who's children may already have a diagnosis and for the

may who are on assessment pathways across Hertfordshire Health Services. Parent can access these free session by joining Families in Focus private Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/184975381651870/>

#### March 2022 Zoom Parent Network:

- Understanding **sensory** issues
- Early Years support in Herts and **benefits** and SEND
- **EHCP** and school issues **Q&A**
- Understanding **PDA**
- Let's pop the kettle on - SEND **chat**, giggles and a cuppa
- Getting a **successful EHCP review**
- Tried and tested tips and ideas for children with **sensory** issues

#### Summer Courses:

- Handling **anger** in your family
- Complete **guide** to parenting children with SEND
- **Sleep** solutions for parents of children with **autism/ADHD**

#### Family Lives Training

[Parenting and Family Support - Family Lives \(Parentline Plus\) | Family Lives](#)

**ADD-vance** have many funded training workshops for parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD/ASC - [ADD-vance](#)

[ADD-vance Events | Eventbrite](#)

**Some topics this month, see link for further titles**

- **Tips & Tools to Manage Sensory Differences**
- **Supporting Transition to Secondary School**
- **Safer Gaming for children with SEND**
- **Understanding Anxiety**
- **Online support group for parents of young people 16-24**
- **Tips and Tools to support puberty**

**REMINDER** HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners - includes supporting self-esteem, ability to self regulate, sleep and many more.

[HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Events | Eventbrite](#)

- Adolescent **Self-Esteem** - 30 March at 6pm

#### Family Centre SEND Drop-In

First Thursday of each month - see flyer

ISL Advice Line - attached

**Up on Downs** - new parent information attached. Further information: [UpOnDowns Hertfordshire – Down's Syndrome Support Group – Hertfordshire](#)

[Invasion of Ukraine - wellbeing resources for parents - BBC Bitesize Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize](#)



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Resources to help you help your child stay informed around the crisis in Ukraine and manage any anxieties they might have.  
[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)



[SEND news - 15 March 2022 \(hertfordshire.gov.uk\)](#)

## Young People

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**Emotional Wellbeing Workshop for Young People aged 11 to 16** - 13 April 12pm

**Exam Worries** (GCSE/SATs) - 19 or 25 April at 6pm

[NHS England » What to do if you're a young person and it's all getting too much](#)

It hasn't been easy living through the COVID-19 pandemic which has caused many restrictions, from the closure of schools to changes to social interactions which has led to feelings of uncertainty for many of us. Things can feel overwhelming, and you may feel you can't cope. You might be struggling to adjust to changes in routines, new social pressures and greater expectations from your friends, family or school. You might also feel uncertainty around upcoming examinations and what form these may take. You might feel worried about friendships, your family, school or college including managing the work. You might be feeling down or sad – some of your friends and family members may be feeling the same way – and this can be usual at the moment. Those feelings may have become very deep and intense, and you might not know what to do about them. It's okay not to feel okay, there is hope for you and you can get through this. You're not alone – many people feel like this at some time in their lives – and more people are likely to be feeling this way at the moment because of the impact of the pandemic on our lives. What's important for you to know is that there are lots of ways of dealing with these feelings. It's absolutely possible to come out the other side and feel okay again.

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[www.england.nhs.uk](http://www.england.nhs.uk)

[Home :: Hertfordshire and West Essex Healthier Together \(hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk\)](http://hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk)

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Healthier Together - a community initiative. The Healthier Together programme relies upon patients and healthcare professionals working together to improve how local healthcare is delivered.

[hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk](http://hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk)



[Services for Mental health and wellbeing \(hertfordshire.gov.uk\)](http://hertfordshire.gov.uk)



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Need help now? Call HPFT's freephone number: 0800 6444 101 - the quickest way to get help for a mental health crisis, day or night.. Or you can call NHS 111 and select option 2 for mental health services. In the event of an emergency, dial 999.

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk)

[Just Talk \(justtalkherts.org\)](http://justtalkherts.org) Links, Resources, Information for Mental Health and wellbeing.



[The Hertfordshire Local Offer](http://hertfordshire.gov.uk)

## The Hertfordshire Local Offer

The Local Offer lets parents and young people know what special educational needs and disabilities services are available in Hertfordshire, and who can access them.