

DSPL 1 – North Herts

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[Updates and Resources \(nhdsp1.org.uk\)](http://nhdsp1.org.uk)

*North Herts DSPL 1 Weekly - a roundup of training, information, and events in our area.
Issue 22 (Parents, Carers & Young People)*

Parents and Carers

DSPL 1 Parent Survey - Results

We carried out a parent survey during Autumn 2021, we had over 250 responses. Thank you to Raine Simcox our parent representative for carrying this out and collating the data. Please find attached the results. We are looking at the gaps in training and support for parents and have put together an overview of what is already available. This will inform our planning of training. We thank everyone for their contribution.

Changes to our Statutory SEND service which will, in time, improve the Education, Health and Care Plan experience for families. You can read all about what's changing and how these changes might affect you in our latest blogpost on the Local offer: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/improvingstatutorySEND

[Guest blog: Improving statutory SEND in Hertfordshire](#)



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As a result of the review, we developed a detailed plan of recommendations. We are pleased that we are now implementing some of these changes and hope that families will start to see a real improvement in the way the processes for statutory SEND work going forward.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk

NEW Changes to HNF Banding Descriptors

See Flyer for details and bookings.

[Changes to HNF Banding Descriptors Tickets, Tue 17 May 2022 at 13:30 | Eventbrite](#)

[Changes to HNF Banding Descriptors - Online session Tickets, Fri 20 May 2022 at 13:30 | Eventbrite](#)

[Changes to HNF Banding Descriptors Tickets, Tue 24 May 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Angels Support Group

[Home - Angels Support Group](#)

[Microsoft Word - Angels Summer2022 programme \(angelssupportgroup.org.uk\)](#)

Titles include: (Virtual and Face to Face)

- Support Group
- Q&A Education Issues - EHCP's, Graduated Response, etc
- Techsafe Workshop
- Supporting ADHD Child
- Resistant Eaters
- Visual Supports

NESSie and Angels Support Group

Supporting Children with Additional Needs. Funded by HCC, provided by NESSie and Angels Support Group.

Supporting Children with ASC/ADHD: **Girls and Women** 18 May 2022 1pm to 2:30pm [Nessie Public Booking Platform \(procfu.com\)](#)

Supporting Children with ASC/ADHD: **Relationships, Puberty and Staying Safe** 7 June 2022 7:30pm to 9pm

Supporting Children with ASC/ADHD: **Autism, Sexuality and Gender Diversity** 21 June 2022 1pm to 2:30pm [Nessie Public Booking Platform \(procfu.com\)](#)

Supporting Children with ASC/ADHD: **Emotionally Based School Avoidance** [Nessie Public Booking Platform \(procfu.com\)](#)

Supporting Children and Young People who are gender questioning 4 July [Nessie Public Booking Platform \(procfu.com\)](#)

Supporting Children and Young People who are gender questioning 7 July [Nessie Public Booking Platform \(procfu.com\)](#)

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ADD-vance

Funded training workshops for parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD/ASC - [ADD-vance ADD-vance Events | Eventbrite](#)

- [Tips & Tools to Teach Emotional Literacy - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Wed 11 May 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- [Tips & Tools for Managing Toileting - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Thu 12 May 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

- [Preparing for an EHCP Annual Review - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Mon 16 May 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- [ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP for Parents/Carers of Secondary Aged Children Tickets, Tue 17 May 2022 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)
- [Understanding ADHD in Girls - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Wed 18 May 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- [Tips & Tools to Support Learning \(Executive Function\) FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Thu 19 May 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- [Support for Dads - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Mon 23 May 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- [ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP for Parents/Carers of 16-24 year olds Tickets, Tue 24 May 2022 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- [Understanding Autism in Girls - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Wed 25 May 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- [Tips & Tools to Manage Everyday Change \(Transitions\) - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Thu 26 May 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)
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Space Hertfordshire

[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. Upcoming ones include:

[Starting SPACE Tickets, Fri 20 May 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

[Lego Club Tickets, Sat 28 May 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Bookings for June and July have just opened and you can book on here <https://spaceherts.org.uk/events/>

Some upcoming ones include:

[Supporting Learners with Demand Avoidance](#)

[Autistic Girls](#)

[Puberty and Neurodiversity](#)

[Understanding Autism](#)

[Understanding specific maths difficulties \(dyscalculia\)](#)

They also run lots of support groups for parents and carers and 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/>

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Conference (13 May) for parents, carers and professionals with the world renowned **Autism expert**, Professor **Tony Attwood** who is flying over to Hertfordshire from Australia in May to join us. The main focus of his presentations will be cognition and Autism – including strategies to help improve motivation, organisational skills and academic achievement; plus Adolescent Issues such as friendships, sexual development, and managing emotions. You can find out more here: [SPACE HERTFORDSHIRE presents Professor Tony Attwood Tickets, Fri 13 May 2022 at 08:15 | Eventbrite](#)

Supporting Links:

[Supporting Links Home](#)

Alongside our usual Parenting Courses, Supporting Links are pleased to be offering the following workshops. These are open to parents and carers of children with ASD and/or ADHD across Hertfordshire, funded by the Local Authority.

NEW: Talking Teens - 6 week course 6 June to 18 July (no session 27/6) 7:45pm to 9:15pm. Pre-booking essential! 07512 709556 bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk. Quoting Reference SL507. [Workshops \(supportinglinks.co.uk\)](#)

[Talking ASD & ADHD: Coping with change. For parents/carers in Herts \(514\) Registration, Mon 23 May 2022 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

[Talking ASD and ADHD: School Avoidance. For parents/carers in Herts \(517\) Registration, Thu 9 Jun 2022 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

[Talking ASD and ADHD: Tech Use \(516\). For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Mon 13 Jun 2022 at 12:30 | Eventbrite](#)

[Talking ASD and ADHD: School Avoidance. For parents/carers in Herts \(517\) Registration, Thu 9 Jun 2022 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

We accept referrals or parents can self-refer and book places via Eventbrite. [Supporting Links Events | Eventbrite](#)

Family Lives

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

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

Parenting and family support from Family Lives (formerly Parentline Plus) through our website, helpline 0808 800 2222, email service at askus@familylives.org.uk, live chat and local services. www.familylives.org.uk

Bringing up **confident children** for parents of children with **ADHD/ASD** 7 June to 12 July 7pm to 9pm OR 8 June to 13 July 9:30am to 11:39am

Bringing up **confident children** for parents of children with **SEN** 6 June to 11 July 7pm to 9pm

Booking: services@familylives.org.uk 0204 522 8700 / 8701 (see flyer)

Sessions will cover :

- * **Special Needs – 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**
- * **Making a positive difference in your family life**

Families in Focus

[Current parent courses – 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/>

May 2022 Zoom Parent Network:

[Parent Network – Families in Focus](#)

Email: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk

9 May – Transition to secondary school for young people with SEND

11 May – Understanding behaviour related to the sensory needs of children

16 May – Professional parenting – getting the best support for your child with SEND

18 May – SEND chat, laughs, virtual cuppa

19 May – Self care for parents of children with SEND

19 May – Q&A with the Hertfordshire Speech, Language, Communication and Autism Team (HSCLA)

Summer Courses:

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

Families Feeling Safe

Supporting families with **Protective Behaviours**

[Families Feeling Safe • Families Feeling Safe](#)

[A FREE ONLINE course for Dads, Step-Dads and Male Carers • Families Feeling Safe](#) 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 ONLINE course for Mums, Dads, Step-parents and Carers • Families Feeling Safe](#) 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@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk 07748 332606 see flyers for full details

HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners

[Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Service | Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust \(hct.nhs.uk\)](#)

Includes supporting self-esteem, ability to self regulate, sleep and many more.

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

- [Exam Stress Workshop Tickets, Thu 12 May 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- [Adolescent Self-esteem Workshop Tickets, Wed 25 May 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- [Supporting Your Child's Self-esteem Tickets, Thu 26 May 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- [Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing and ability to self-regulate Tickets, Wed 8 Jun 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- [Emotional Wellbeing Workshop \(For young people 11 - 16\) Tickets, Wed 8 Jun 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Up on Downs

[UpOnDowns Hertfordshire – Down's Syndrome Support Group – Hertfordshire](#)

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

Family Centre SEND Drop-In

[North Herts Spring 2022 timetable \(hertsfamilycentres.org\)](#)

First Thursday of each month – booking via Eventbrite [Herts Family Centre Service - North Herts District Events | Eventbrite](#)

[School nurses in Hertfordshire \(hertsfamilycentres.org\)](https://hertsfamilycentres.org)

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](#)

[If your child is too anxious to go to school \(hertfordshire.gov.uk\)](https://hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Mental Health Support

[If your child is too anxious to go to school \(hertfordshire.gov.uk\)](https://hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Just Talk Herts

[Just Talk \(justtalkherts.org\)](https://justtalkherts.org)

[Emotional wellbeing information and resources to help young people in Hertfordshire \(justtalkherts.org\)](https://justtalkherts.org)

[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.

[NHS England » Advice for parents, guardians and carers on how to support a child or young person if you're concerned about their mental health](#)

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

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

[Services for Mental health and wellbeing](#)

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

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

[SEND documents and resources \(hertfordshire.gov.uk\)](#)

Young People

Ambitious about Autism

The Ambitious about Autism youth network is a fun and friendly space for autistic young people, between the **ages of 16-25**, to meet other autistic young people and be themselves. It offers them a safe and moderated online space to help them understand their autistic identity and reduce isolation and loneliness that many feel.

Young people will be able to take part in peer support sessions which are held on **Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 5:45-6:45** over Zoom. These sessions are a chance to meet new autistic young people across the country, share experiences and find volunteering, work experience and employment opportunities. Sessions are a safe environment where you can stay within your comfort zone, there is no pressure to turn on your camera or microphone. You can choose to participate or just observe.

The sessions are led by [Ambitious staff](#) trained in safeguarding, who you may contact at any point if you are uncomfortable or feel unsafe. Every session has a different theme, past sessions have included arts and crafts, comedy night, DJ sessions, language lessons, and a monthly general knowledge quiz. Youth network members over the age of 18 also have a chance to instant message each other on the platform.

To access the peer sessions, you will need to [request to join the youth network](#).

[Join the Ambitious Youth Network \(ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk\)](#)



[Join the Ambitious Youth Network](#)

By logging in to your account, you accept the Terms of Use and acknowledge the Privacy Policy

ambitious-youth-network.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk



[Guest Blog SFYP - Moving on from school \(hertfordshire.gov.uk\)](http://hertfordshire.gov.uk)



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Services for Young People try to attend EHCP annual reviews that happen in year 9 and 11 (or year 13/14 in PNI and SLD schools). Together with the young person and their families, we will produce a Preparing for Adulthood Transition Plan.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk



[Exam and Revision Stress \(justtalkherts.org\)](http://justtalkherts.org)



[Exam and Revision Stress](#)

Support for young people, parents, carers and professionals. If the thought of revision and sitting exams has you feeling worried or anxious, you aren't alone.

www.justtalkherts.org



[Services for Young People](#)

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Services for Young People (SfYP) provides youth work groupwork and one to one individual support. Professionals, parents/carers or young people themselves can make referrals. Youn

www.servicesforyoungpeople.org

[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

SEND Support

This short video (less than a minute) is designed to give an understanding of what the Local Offer website is, and what kind of information and resources they can find on there. You can see the video on Youtube here: <https://youtu.be/hmcGbFqmsl8>

Herts Parent Carer Involvement

[Herts Parent Carer Involvement \(hertsparentcarers.org.uk\)](http://hertsparentcarers.org.uk)
[Webinars | Herts Parent Carer Involvement \(hertsparentcarers.org.uk\)](#)

ISL Advice Line

[ISL SEND Advice for Parents/Carers \(hertfordshirefamiliesfirst.org.uk\)](http://hertfordshirefamiliesfirst.org.uk)

[SEND news - 3 May 2022 \(hertfordshire.gov.uk\)](http://hertfordshire.gov.uk)

[The Hertfordshire Local Offer](#)

SUNFLOWER SOCIAL GROUP
Welcoming Ukrainian refugees
"Radi znajomstvu" "Pleased to meet you"
A space to meet in a supportive environment.
Every Wednesday, 11am to 12:30pm
The Wellbeing Centre, 501 St Albans Road, WD24 7RZ
info@lutherbliss8.com or info@hertsmindnetwork.org

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Kind regards,

Debbie

Debbie Robins
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Please note I work part-time across the week and will reply to your email as soon as possible.

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https://www.facebook.com/DSPL-1-North-Herts-181974652006943/?view_public_for=181974652006943] Please
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WEBSITE: <https://nhdspl.org.uk>

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Fishponds Road, Hitchin, SG5 1NS

Visit <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/Local-Offer/The-Hertfordshire-Local-Offer.aspx> for services for
children and young people with SEND

"As part of the CAMHS Transformation, Hertfordshire's two NHS clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) are offering a funded training programme to support school-based professionals to improve the mental health and wellbeing of pupils."

To find out more about all current CAMHS fully funded training courses
visit <https://www.healthyyoungmindsinherts.org.uk/>

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