



QUICK LINKS – new this week & news			
<b>NEW 112</b> Herts Parent Carer <a href="#">Involvement</a> Annual Survey	<b>NEW 112</b> <a href="#">Springboard</a> Letchworth Open Afternoon	Contact <b>NEW 112</b> <a href="#">Money</a> Matters	
<a href="#">ADD-Vance</a> new this week/coming soon <b>NEW 112</b> • Manage School Avoidance	<a href="#">Space</a> Herts new this week/coming soon <b>NEW 112</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding my Autism/ADHD – for young people (during half term)</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Supporting</a> Links new courses for Autumn	<b>Watch now:</b> <a href="#">Watch "Improving the way we manage our EHCP duties in Hertfordshire" on YouTube.</a>
<a href="#">Angels</a> Support Groups this week	<a href="#">Autism</a> Central •	<a href="#">SEND News</a> Sign up for SEND News for email updates <a href="#">SEND news - 30 September 2024 (hertfordshire.gov.uk)</a>	Child <a href="#">Wellbeing</a> Practitioners
<a href="#">NESSie</a> this week/coming soon <b>NEW 112</b> <a href="#">Bullying</a> – Parent/Carer Webinar Thursday, 17 October 2024 at 9:30am <b>Anxiety</b> – 7 Nov 9:30am Also <b>Bereavement/Loss &amp; School Attendance</b>	Family Lives	<b>Autism</b> <a href="#">Hertfordshire</a> Transition Service for 16-20 year olds <b>NEW 112</b> <a href="#">Communication</a> Skills. My Autistic Identity, Transitions/De-escalation	Sandbox <a href="#">Body Image</a> (mindler.co.uk) <a href="#">Resource Zone   The Sandbox</a> (mindler.co.uk)
<a href="#">Families</a> in Focus <b>NEW dates added:</b> <a href="#">Handling</a> anger of children with Autism & ADHD	Herts <a href="#">Mind</a> Network	NHS <a href="#">Talking</a> Therapies	<b>ADHD Foundation</b> <a href="#">Resources Archive - ADHD Foundation : ADHD Foundation</a>
Families <a href="#">Feeling</a> Safe	<a href="#">Wellbeing</a> : Young People	Mental <a href="#">Health</a> First Aid	<b>Autism UK</b> <a href="#">Social stories and comic strip conversations (autism.org.uk)</a>
<a href="#">SENSational</a> Active Tots with Stevenage FC (ages 1-5)	<a href="#">supporting-your-neurodiverse-child-handbook-pdf-6.6mb.pdf (hertfordshire.gov.uk)</a>	<a href="#">Carers</a> In Herts & Young Carers	<a href="#">CEOP Safety Centre</a>



## The SEND Local Offer



<b>Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database (<a href="#">HAND</a>)</b>	Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database – voluntary register of disabled children and young people aged 0-25. By joining the register you can get discounts at places around the county and beyond.	<b>Short <a href="#">Breaks</a></b>	Short breaks offer disabled children and young people the chance to spend time out with others socialising and doing fun activities, giving their families a break and providing them with confidence their child is well supported by a trained worker. They include holiday and Saturday clubs, with activities ranging from Lego and computer skills to buddying sessions.		
<b>Educational, health and care plans (<a href="#">EHCP</a>)</b>	If SEN support isn't enough, then an Education, Health and Care Plan might be the next step.	<b>Support with <a href="#">education</a></b>	The educational support your child is entitled to, types of education and how to access learning if your child can't get into school		
<b>Courses and <a href="#">activities</a> in Hertfordshire</b>	Find courses, clubs and activities for you and your family, and short breaks and childcare too.	<b><a href="#">Early Years (ages 0-5)</a></b>	Help available in the early years, including health visitors and family centres.		
<b>Contact a <a href="#">SEND</a> service</b>	Information on how to contact SEND service and details of their Advice Lines	<b><a href="#">Services for children and young people (ages 0-25)</a></b>	From doctors and dentists to more specialist support for complex needs.		
<b>Preparing for <a href="#">adulthood</a></b>	Thinking about your child's future early can help to relieve some of the worries you might have. Advice on how you and your child can prepare.	<b><a href="#">Services for parents, carers and families</a></b>	Organisations who support parents, carers and families of children with SEND in Hertfordshire.		
<b><a href="#">Money</a></b>	Financial support you can apply for yourself, money advice, and funding professionals can get too.	<b><a href="#">Feedback</a></b>	Find out how you can shape SEND services, or what to do if you're not happy.		
<b>The SEND Local Offer has lots of resources including:</b>	Watch at a time to suit you webinars – Autism and ADHD ADD-vance Understanding ADHD Webinar ADD-vance Understanding Autism Webinar	<b>ADHD Foundation – a Teenager's guide to living with ADHD</b> <a href="http://SEND documents and resources (hertfordshire.gov.uk)"><u>SEND documents and resources (hertfordshire.gov.uk)</u></a>			
<b>NEW 112 Herts Parent Carer Involvement</b>	Herts Parent Carer Involvement, the independent parent carer forum for Hertfordshire, has asked us to share their annual survey with you. They want to hear from Hertfordshire parent carers of children and young people (age 0-25) with any Special Educational Need and/or Disability. Your child doesn't need to have a diagnosis or EHCP for you to take part. The survey is open until Sunday 3 November and can be accessed here: <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPCISurvey2024"><u>http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPCISurvey2024</u></a>				
<b>Annual Survey</b>	If you would like to know more about HPCI or to become a member, you can visit their website: <a href="http://www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk"><u>www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk</u></a> or call 07840 360 245.				



<p><b>Springboard Letchworth</b></p> <p>Open Afternoon North Hertfordshire College</p> <p>For young people aged 16 and over who require additional support</p> <p>Please note our address for this event will be:</p> <p>Springboard Letchworth Town Hall, Broadway, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3BX</p> <p>The nearest car park is Morrison's where you can park for free for three hours.</p>	<p>North Hertfordshire College is pleased to announce our open afternoon at <b>Springboard Letchworth</b> which will be held on <b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of November 3pm – 5pm</b> at our prestigious premises. This is an opportunity for professionals, parents, and prospective students to meet the team and find out more about the Springboard programme.</p> <p><b>Springboard is a full-time personalised course which provides students with the support, knowledge, skills and confidence to become more independent, make informed decisions and ultimately to progress into mainstream college and work. The course is delivered in self-contained teaching centres in Watford and Letchworth.</b></p> <p>Springboard is for young people aged 16 and over who require additional support before progressing to a cross college vocational course or employment. Many of our students have a diagnosis or traits of autism. Many have associated emotional and mental health needs that require specialist and bespoke support before they can move on and make a successful transition to adulthood. We do also consider 15-year-olds but only if they have a EHCP.</p> <p>Our students study Employability, Functional Skills Maths and English from E3 to Level 2, Creative Arts (Drama) Therapy, Life Skills, Personal Development and Wellbeing, Vocational Tasters in Art, Cooking and First Aid, Enrichment, and complete 34 hours of work experience in their vocational area of interest. We support our students to transition into cross college vocational courses, supported internships or apprenticeships or employment by helping them to discover what they want to do after Springboard, arranging taster sessions and supporting them at interviews.</p> <p><b>Students need to meet our assessment criteria in order to access the provision although individual needs are always considered and decisions are made on a case by case basis and subject to funding being approved by the Local Authority.</b></p> <p>If you would like to attend please RSVP to Mickaela Windsor <a href="mailto:mwindsor@nhc.ac.uk">mwindsor@nhc.ac.uk</a> or Rebecca Lewis <a href="mailto:rebecca.lewis@nhc.ac.uk">rebecca.lewis@nhc.ac.uk</a> or call us on 07943526089.</p> <p>To help us to manage numbers we would appreciate a confirmation from you as to what time you are planning to attend.</p> <p><b>If you are unable to attend but would like to find out more about our provision, we would be happy to meet with you on an individual basis. Please email Mickaela or Rebecca at the above emails and we can arrange for you to come in and see us. Alternatively, we can come to your setting to meet with you any groups of students and parents that you believe would benefit from Springboard.</b></p>
<p><b>Services For Young People</b></p>	<p>Services for Young People (SfYP) Megamix Project for young people with SEND ages 13-17 Tuesdays, 6:30pm to 8:30pm Bowes Lyon Young People's Centre</p> <p><a href="#">Services for Young People (SfYP) Megamix Project for young people with SEND ages 13-17 (Stevenage) - 15/10/2024   Hertfordshire County Council</a></p>
<p><b>Contact – for families with disabled children</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Brighter Beginnings - Money Matters (age 0 to 5) ENGLAND Tickets, Mon 21 Oct 2024 at 19:00   Eventbrite</a></p>



**Supporting your  
Neurodivergent Child  
handbook**

Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS are delighted to share with you the exciting and new **Supporting your Neurodivergent Child handbook** that has been developed for Hertfordshire parent/carers and professionals. The [Neurodiversity Handbook](#) has useful resources, support and signposting on a whole range of things relating to Neurodiversity. The resource is accessible to all regardless of whether the young person has a diagnosis or not, and can be used at any point during a young person's journey.



**Voices of Hertfordshire**

[Voices of Hertfordshire - YouTube](#)

Instagram: [Voices of Hertfordshire \(@voicesofhertfordshire\)](#)

**Stevenage Inclusive Job Fair  
October 2024**

**Step2Skills presents Stevenage Inclusive Job Fair October 2024**

Find out about local recruitment opportunities and the skills employers are looking for.

- Chat with the Step2Skills Supported Employment Team
- BSL Interpreter available all day
- 12-1pm Low sensory/Quiet Hour
- Aimed at residents with learning and physical disabilities, sensory needs, mental health conditions and neurodiversity.

24 October 2024

10am to 3pm, Lounge 76, Stevenage FC, Broadhall Way,  
Stevenage SG2 8RH

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BSL Video QR:



Book your space via the QR code, booking preferred but only essential for our 12pm - 1pm Quiet Hour slot  
Email: [employmentsupport@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:employmentsupport@hertfordshire.gov.uk)  
Phone: 01992 556825

In partnership with:





# The Toolbox

ONLINE ADHD AND AUTISM SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Find us on [thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk](http://thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk)

Hertfordshire West Essex Integrated Care Board

**FREE RESOURCES**  
**INFORMATION ON OTHER SERVICES**  
**LIVE CHAT**

Are you aged 7-16 and have either Autism, ADHD, or both? ★  
We are launching some amazing workshops that could help you learn more about yourself and how incredible you are. 🌟

Are you ready to embark on an incredible journey of self-discovery? Join us now! 🚀

[thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk](http://thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk)

## Understanding my Autism/ADHD

Do you have a child aged between 7-16 diagnosed with Autism, ADHD, or both?

We're thrilled to launch a range of exciting offers designed to support children and teens just like yours!

These workshops, are available online and in-person. Led by experienced professionals, sessions will provide tailored strategies to help your young person understand their Autism, and/or ADHD, in a fun and engaging way!

Referrals from professionals are welcome, or you can easily sign up your child yourself.

Are you ready to empower your child on their journey of self-discovery?

Find out more here: [thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk](http://thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk)

## Neurodiversity Support Hub

For Parents, Carers and Professionals in Hertfordshire

We can offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not limited to:

- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed Behaviours
- Anxiety
- School

The phones are answered by our team of parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people

Are you a Parent, Carer or Professional?

01727 833963   
[supporthub@odd-vance.org](mailto:supporthub@odd-vance.org)  
Opening Hours  
9AM - 1PM - Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
9AM - 3PM - Tuesday & Thursday  
7PM - 9PM - Wednesday (By App)

Here to support, reach out for a listening ear

## Parenting SEN children when separated online programme

family lives

A 6-session programme 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.

Who should attend?

- Separated parents raising children with SEND.
- Parents seeking guidance, support, and strategies for co-parenting SEN children more consistently.
- Parents wanting to create a positive and supportive environment for their child's development.

These courses will be delivered by MS Teams over 6 sessions, on the following dates:

- Tuesday 4, 11, 18, 25 June & 2, 9 July
- Wednesday 5, 12, 19, 26 June & 3, 10 July
- Evening: 7pm - 8pm

For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk) or call 0204 522 8700

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<p><b>FOLLOW</b> <b>Help develop Speech, Language &amp; Communication Skills at home</b></p>	<p><b>FOLLOW   Linktree</b> Introducing the FOLLOW campaign! A very simple and easy to use set of strategies that parents and carers can use with their little ones to help develop speech, language and communication skills at home. For more information, please use the link below.</p> <p><a href="https://linktr.ee/EYFOLLOW">https://linktr.ee/EYFOLLOW</a></p>	
<p><b>Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust</b></p>	<p><b>Children &amp; Young People's Therapies referral forms are now Online!</b> <b>What is changing?</b> Starting on the <b>4th March</b>, HCT will launch the updated digital referral forms. These changes have been made to help improve patient experience by providing easier access to services and streamlining the overall process.</p> <p>CYPT services includes Children's Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy &amp; Speech, and Language Therapy. The digital referral form route is accessible by an online link for use by appropriate referrers including Schools, Parents/Carers, Self-referrals, GP's and Health Care Professionals.</p>	<p>You can make a referral to these services by following the below links or visiting our website <a href="http://www.hct.nhs.uk">www.hct.nhs.uk</a></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Occupational Therapy Referral Form</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Speech &amp; Language Referral Form</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Physiotherapy Referral Form</p> </div> </div>



### Hertfordshire Children and Young People's Mental Health Service Directory

The services below provide a combination of early intervention and more specialist support for children and young people's mental health. Click the service name to be redirected to more information.

Chathealth 0-5	PALMS
Chathealth 11-19	Rephael House Counselling
Children's Crisis Assessment and Treatment Team	Safe Space
Children's Wellbeing Practitioners	School Nurses and Duty Line
CHUMS Bereavement Support	Services for Young People
Educational Psychologists	Single Point Access (SPA)
Families First	Signpost
First Steps ED	Specialist CAMHS
Health for Kids	Spectrum Family and Young People's Service
Health for Teens	Step2
Herts Haven Cafés	The Sandbox
Just Talk	The Toolbox (Neurodiverse)
Just Talk Ambassador Scheme	Togetherall
Lumi Nova	WithYOUTH
Mental Health Support Teams in Schools (MHSTS)	YCT Counselling
NESSIE Parenting	Youth Talk Counselling
NHS Talking Therapies	Young Minds Parent Helpline



Telephone service  
Face to face service  
Online/virtual service  
Referral required  
Includes support for early years

Reaching developmental and emotional milestones, learning healthy social skills and how to cope when there are problems. Mentally healthy children have a positive quality of life and can function well at home, in school, and in their communities.

Difficulties with normal life problems, poor self confidence, low self esteem, low aspirations, difficult family relationships, poor peer relationships, experimental substance misuse, bereavement, poor concentration, difficulty sustaining relationships, some worries, low mood.

Many worries, high levels of anxiety, persistent low mood, body image concerns, behaviour puts peers at risk, persistent or high risk substance misuse, risk taking behaviour, unable to display empathy, difficulty coping with anger or frustration, bereavement by suicide/suspected suicide, withdrawal or unwilling to engage, disruptive or challenging behaviour, unable to maintain peer relationships (bullying, bullied or aggression etc).

Mental health problems which are:  
• Persistent, complex and severe  
• Present in all environments (home, school, with peers)  
• Beyond a normal response to life's problems

Deliberate self harm requiring hospital treatment, suicidal ideation with imminent plan and means, psychotic episode (hearing unexpected voices, unrealistic or racing thoughts not related to physical or social substance misuse), intentional overdosing, persistent inability to engage with services or support offered, risk taking behaviour with no underlying mental health disorder, unresponsive to treatment and continuing to decline.

If you have any suggested changes to the directory, please email [shelley.wood@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:shelley.wood@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

### CYPMHS Service Directory - SW (justtalkherts.org)

Mental health support for all children and young people in Hertfordshire ([justtalkherts.org](http://justtalkherts.org))

### Nutritionists supporting one to one sessions at First Steps ED



Nutritionists are now embedded into one to one support pathways at First Steps ED. This is following the latest advice and guidance in ensuring the best outcomes for children and young people with eating difficulties.

[First Steps to Understanding Eating Disorders \(First Steps ED\)](#) is for Hertfordshire's children and young people aged 5-18, parents/care givers. The service provides digital and face to face one-to-one support sessions, as well as weekly psychoeducation and group support programmes (**Wellbeing Workshop, Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID) Support Group, Binge Eating Workshops** etc). Parents, carers and older siblings can also gain access to First Steps ED's Parent Support Programme.

### Herts Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Health and Care Partnership



Support  
Together [www.togetherherts.com](http://www.togetherherts.com)  
Point of View Advocacy  
[www.povherts.org.uk](http://www.povherts.org.uk)  
Crisis Bereavement Support  
[www.chus.org.uk](http://www.chus.org.uk)  
Healthy Habs Hertfordshire  
[www.healthyhabs.org.uk](http://www.healthyhabs.org.uk)  
Herts Mind Network  
[www.hertsmindnetwork.org](http://www.hertsmindnetwork.org)  
MindLine Trans\*  
Call: 0300 330 5468  
Mind Habs Herts  
[www.mindhabsherts.org.uk](http://www.mindhabsherts.org.uk)  
CALM  
Call: 0800 585811  
[www.calmzone.net](http://www.calmzone.net)  
SilverCloud  
[www.silvercloudhealth.com](http://www.silvercloudhealth.com)  
SAMH  
Call: 0800 004 7000  
[www.samh.org.uk](http://www.samh.org.uk)  
In an emergency, please contact your local Community Pharmacist.

Self-Referral  
BSL Telephone Signer [www.hertsbsl.org.uk](http://www.hertsbsl.org.uk)  
BSL Crisis Text Service  
Text: DEAF to 82528  
BSL Psychological Therapy  
Text: DEAF to 9944 473 (Call: 01992 581506)  
Herts Mind Network Nightlight  
[www.hertsmindnetwork.org](http://www.hertsmindnetwork.org)  
Crisis House Emergency Beds: Call: 01992 256391  
Herts Help  
Call: 0100 123 4544 [www.hertshelp.net](http://www.hertshelp.net)  
Mind Habs Herts  
Call: 0203 208300  
Email: [admin@mindhabsherts.org.uk](mailto:admin@mindhabsherts.org.uk)

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### Mental Health Support for adults in Hertfordshire



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Point of View Advocacy  
[www.povherts.org.uk](http://www.povherts.org.uk)  
Crisis Bereavement Support  
[www.chus.org.uk](http://www.chus.org.uk)  
Healthy Habs Hertfordshire  
[www.healthyhabs.org.uk](http://www.healthyhabs.org.uk)  
One YMCA  
Email: [herthab@oneymca.org](mailto:herthab@oneymca.org)  
[www.sighthealth.org.uk](http://www.sighthealth.org.uk)  
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For 10 - 18 year olds

- No referrals, no judgements – just an open door and a safe welcoming space to talk
- Professional workers to support you with your wellbeing
- Practical help at your fingertips - coping strategies, stress management techniques and more!
- Emotional support tailored to your needs

For more information scan the QR code



### Opening times and locations

The cafés are open in Watford, Hemel Hempstead and Stevenage across the week.

Day	Time	Location
Mon	3:30 - 8pm	Watford Palace Theatre
Tue	3:30 - 8pm	Bowes Lyon, Stevenage
Wed	3:30 - 8pm	Bowes Lyon, Stevenage
Thu	3:30 - 8pm	Quaker Meeting House, Hemel Hempstead
Sat	12pm - 5pm	Bowes Lyon, Stevenage
Sat	12pm - 5pm	Quaker Meeting House, Hemel Hempstead

T: 0208 189 8400 E: [cyp@hertsmindnetwork.org](mailto:cyp@hertsmindnetwork.org) W: [www.withyouth.org](http://www.withyouth.org)



## Free online wellbeing groups for neurodivergent and/ or disabled young people (ages 13 - 25)

Young neurodivergent and/or disabled people aged 13-25 (plus those awaiting diagnosis or young people with suspected diagnosis) can join KIDS for free self-care groups, every Thursday 3pm - 4pm throughout summer. Every week will be different. This is a space for you to recharge and reset. Every session you will be able to talk and get to know other young people. These will be safe spaces for peer support and connection so this is the place to share experiences and ask for advice. There will be an opportunity to try different types of movement such as dance, yoga and stretches. We'll end each session with some mindfulness that might include music and sounds.

All activities are optional and you can join to talk and/or listen only. You will be able to take breaks when you need. All the movements can be adapted to be done from a chair.

In the past, we have run peer support groups on:

- Social anxiety
- Protecting our mental health online
- Boundaries
- Autistic burnout
- Making a self care plan

Young people suggested all the topics above themselves for groups and we are always open to what young people would like to talk to about. The young people have also suggested film and book discussion groups and a group to talk about their special interests, there is no shortage of ideas on what to do moving forward. All of the groups have time for the young people to input on what they want to do next.

The groups can be a really good place to learn about neurodivergence in general and managing your mental health with respect to this and to ask any questions when you are at the start of the diagnostic process.

If you have any questions or want to have a chat about this group, please email Orla at [orla.price@kids.org.uk](mailto:orla.price@kids.org.uk). Orla can also set up meetings with young people 1:1 to provide any support or answer any questions to do with accessing the groups.

[View all of the wellbeing groups - Young People's Hub from KIDS](#)

## 'Cogs' wellbeing app for neurodiverse young people (ages 14+)

[Register for free access on the Toolbox website](#)

'Cogs' is a wellbeing app created by and for the neurodivergent community. For ages 14+, it can help young people navigate their day, understand more about autism and ADHD and build positive habits.

## Join Team, our 12-week personal development programme for the change to gain new skills, take a qualification and meet new people. For ages 16-25.

Take on your own group community project. Take part in an action-packed residential trip. Get two weeks' work experience. Develop your English and Maths skills. Spend some time developing your CV and interview skills.

Contact to book your place

07866 898309

[katy.carroll@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:katy.carroll@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

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<b>SPACE Herts</b>	<i>Charity supporting families of children and young people who are neurodivergent (Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia, Tourette's and other neurodiverse conditions).</i>
<a href="#">Navigating the SEND World Tickets, Thu 17 Oct 2024 at 10:00   Eventbrite</a>	Navigating the SEND World
<a href="#">Understanding and Supporting Emotional Regulation Tickets, Mon 21 Oct 2024 at 18:30   Eventbrite</a>	Emotional Regulation
<a href="#">EHCP New Application Workshop Tickets, Tue 22 Oct 2024 at 10:00   Eventbrite</a>	EHCP New Application Workshop
<a href="#">Puberty and Neurodiversity Tickets, Thu 24 Oct 2024 at 18:30   Eventbrite</a>	Puberty and Neurodiversity
<a href="#">Understanding My Autism and ADHD - School Years 3-6 Tickets, Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 10:00 AM   Eventbrite</a>	Understanding my Autism/ADHD Sch yr 3-6
<a href="#">Understanding My Autism and ADHD - School Years 7-9 Girls Tickets, Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 2:00 PM   Eventbrite</a>	Understanding my Autism/ADHD Sch yr 7-9 (girls)
FOR FURTHER ACTIVITIES AND SESSIONS SEE: <a href="#">SPACE HERTFORDSHIRE Events   Eventbrite</a>	Additional Activities
<b>ADD-Vance</b>	<i>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.</i>
<a href="#">Working in Partnership with School - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Mon 21 Oct 2024 at 10:00   Eventbrite</a>	Working in partnership with school
<a href="#">ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP for Parents/Carers of Secondary Aged Children Tickets, Tue 22 Oct 2024 at 13:30   Eventbrite</a>	Online Support Group
<a href="#">Tips &amp; Tools to Manage School Avoidance - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Wed 23 Oct 2024 at 10:00   Eventbrite</a>	Manage School Avoidance
<a href="#">Tips &amp; Tools for Sleep - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Mon 4 Nov 2024 at 10:00   Eventbrite</a>	Tips/Tools for Sleep
<a href="#">Understanding ADHD and Autism in Girls - FREE ONLINE 6 WEEK COURSE Tickets, Tue 5 Nov 2024 at 10:00   Eventbrite</a>	ADHD/Autism – Girls – 6 week course



<a href="#">Autism Hertfordshire</a>	
<b>NEW 112</b> Confidence in Communication	4 week online course - 17 October 11am to 12:30pm FREE for 16 – 25 year olds Learn different communication skills, including your style of communication, difference and barriers, build confidence, practice communication and self-advocating. <a href="mailto:Enquiries@autismherts.org">Enquiries@autismherts.org</a> / 01727 743246
<b>NEW 112</b> Understanding My Autistic Identity	6-week course – FREE This course is a resourceful insight to exploring your Autistic Identity by challenging your concepts from a social perspective and recognising the negative narratives and barriers that Autistic people face. Looking at Autism as an acceptable neurological difference that gives positive light to understanding who you are. Tuesdays from 22 October 11am to 2pm Register interest: <a href="mailto:enquiries@autismherts.org">enquiries@autismherts.org</a> / 01727 743246
<b>NEW 112</b> Parent/Carer Support Group - Transitions	Anxiety and De-escalation Tuesday, 22 October 6:30pm to 7:30pm via ZOOM To attend please email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@autismherts.org">enquiries@autismherts.org</a> or call 01727 743246
Evening Groups	<i>Evening social groups for adults 18+. In St Albans and Stevenage. Wednesdays, every 2 weeks – contact 01727 743246 <a href="mailto:orenquiries@autismherts.org">orenquiries@autismherts.org</a> for details</i>
Daytime Groups	<i>Community based sessions where attendees can take advantage of regular walks or lunches in local cafes with their peer group. Supported by two staff members, across Herts. contact 01727 743246 <a href="mailto:orenquiries@autismherts.org">orenquiries@autismherts.org</a> for details</i>



<b><a href="#">Angels Support Group</a></b>	<i>Angels is charity that supports families of autistic children and/or children who have ADHD (and those awaiting diagnosis).</i>		
<b>Tuesdays – Zoom 10am to 12pm</b>	<b>Wednesdays – Letchworth 10am to 12pm The Pod, Northfields Infants</b>	<b>Thursdays – Stevenage 10am to 12pm The Phoenix Group</b>	<b>Thursdays – Zoom 7:30pm to 8:30pm</b>
			17 October Meet Up and Chat
22 October Parent/Carer Support Group			24 October Parent/Carer Support Group
Podcasts: <a href="#">Podcasts - Angels Support Group</a>		Support Groups and workshops, Meet up and Chat <a href="http://www.angelsupportgroup.org.uk">www.angelsupportgroup.org.uk</a> / <a href="#">Angels Autumn Term Programme (angelssupportgroup.org.uk) (angelsupportgroup.org.uk)</a>	
<b><a href="#">Autism Central</a></b>		<i>Autism Central aims to make it easier to learn more about autism and services available to you.</i>	
<a href="#">Resources</a>	Designed to make it easier, signposts to information on wide range of topics around autism and support that is available from Autism Central, their partner organisations and other trusted sources.	<a href="#">Session for Personal Assistants   Autism Central</a>	17 October 12pm to 1:30pm
<a href="#">One-to-one</a>	Talk to your hub for a one-to-one chat to help find the information and services available in your area.		
<a href="#">Events</a>	Talk to people who share similar experiences by joining a workshop, coffee morning or virtual meet up.	<a href="#">Christmas   Autism Central</a>	Resources and information



<b><u>Supporting Links</u></b>		<i>A local Social Enterprise, providing parenting support through courses, workshops and 1:1 mentoring of parents and children.</i>
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.		Use the Course ID (See below) to book your place Booking Essential: <a href="mailto:bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk">bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk</a> or 07512 709556 See website for flyers and links: <a href="http://New What's On (supportinglinks.co.uk)">New What's On (supportinglinks.co.uk)</a>
<b>TALKING ASD &amp; ADHD The Teenage Years</b>	<a href="#">Talking ASD &amp; ADHD: The Teenage Years (690) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Mon 25 Nov 2024 at 19:30   Eventbrite</a>	The Teenage Years
<b>TALKING ASD &amp; ADHD Responding to Anger</b>	<a href="#">Talking ASD &amp; ADHD: Responding to Anger(688) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Mon 4 Nov 2024 at 19:30   Eventbrite</a>	Responding to Anger
<b>TALKING ASD &amp; ADHD Tech Use</b>	<a href="#">Talking ASD &amp; ADHD: Tech Use(689) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Thu 21 Nov 2024 at 09:30   Eventbrite</a>	Tech Use
<b>TALKING ASD &amp; ADHD School Avoidance</b>	<a href="#">Talking ASD &amp; ADHD: School Avoidance(687) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Wed 23 Oct 2024 at 09:30   Eventbrite</a>	School Avoidance
<b>Talking Anxiety in Families</b> 6 Weekly Sessions for parents/carers of under 12's	<b>Tuesdays 9:45am to 11:30m</b> 5 November to 10 December ONLINE COURSE ID 677	Talking Anxiety in Families
<b>Talking Teens</b> 6 Weekly Sessions for parents/carers of children aged 12-19	<b>Wednesdays 7:45pm to 9:15pm</b> 5 November to 10 December ONLINE COURSE ID 683 <b>Wednesdays 7:45pm to 9:15pm</b> 6 November to 11 December ONLINE COURSE ID 684	Talking Teens
<b>Talking Anger in TEENS</b> 6 Weekly Sessions for parents/carers of children aged 12-19		Talking Anger in TEENS
<b>Talking Dads/Male Carers</b> 6 Weekly sessions for Dads/Male Carers of all ages	<b>Wednesdays 7:45pm to 9:15pm</b> 18 September to 23 October ONLINE COURSE ID 685 <b>JUST ADDED</b> Wednesdays 7:45pm to 9:15pm 6 Nov to 11 Dec ONLINE COURSE ID 686	Talking Dads/Male Carers
<b>Talking Additional Needs</b> (no diagnosis needed) A 6-week group for parents and carers of children with any additional need from 2-25.	6 November to 11 December Venue TBC St Albans Course ID 676	Talking Additional Needs
<b>Talking Families</b> 6 weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 0-12	<b>Tuesdays 7pm to 9pm</b> 5 November to 10 December <b>NOW ONLINE</b> COURSE ID 679	Talking Families



<b><u>Families in Focus</u></b>	<i>Hertfordshire based community interest company, which provides training, information and therapeutic and emotional support to parents.</i>		
Email to book: <a href="mailto:bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk">bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk</a>			
<b>Transforming family life through empathy - helping families to build strong family connections</b>  A proven therapeutic approach for parents of children aged 3 to 11 yrs, to increase positive family communication to manage behaviours that challenge, reducing behaviours that challenge and building your family's emotional wellbeing 3 x 2 hour sessions  Email to book: <a href="mailto:bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk">bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk</a>		Transforming family life through empathy for <b>Parents of children with SEND 4-10 years</b> More dates coming soon in March 2025  Transforming family life through empathy <b>for Fathers of children aged 4-10 years</b> Wednesday evenings November 27, December 4, 11 <b>SPACES AVAILABLE</b>  Transforming family life through empathy for <b>Grandparents of grandchildren aged 4-10 years</b> Monday mornings 9:30am to 11:30am November 11, 18 <b>SPACES AVAILABLE</b>	
<b>Handling anger of children with Autism &amp; ADHD</b> FREE 6 week course Increase understanding of how Autism and ADHD affects emotional regulation Increase awareness of a child's sensory needs Increase your understanding of triggers that cause children's angry outbursts Learn healthy anger management strategies for children and parents to reduce angry reactions		<b>NEW DATES ADDED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday mornings 9.30-11.30am ONLINE VIA ZOOM 6 sessions Bookings open</li> <li>January 6th 13th 20th 27th February 3rd 10th</li> <li>Monday lunchtimes 12.15 -2.15pm ONLINE VIA ZOOM 6 session course Book now</li> <li>January 6th 13th 20th 27th February 3rd 10th</li> <li>Monday evenings 6.30-8.30pm ONLINE VIA ZOOM 6 Session course Book now</li> <li>January 6th 13th 20th 27th February 3rd 10th</li> </ul>	Handing anger of children with Autism & ADHD <a href="#">Current SEND courses – Families in Focus</a>
<b>A complete guide to parenting children with Autism &amp; ADHD</b> FREE 10 week course for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting a child with Autism or ADHD (with diagnosis or awaiting assessment) aged 2 to 11. Gain a greater understanding and answer the question 'why does my child do that?' Learn a range of strategies and solutions, to better manage behaviours that challenge. Understanding sensory needs of children. Increase understanding of children's common sleep issues.		Wednesday mornings 9:30am to 11:30am OR Wednesday evenings 6:30pm to 8:30pm September 11, 18, 25. October 2, 9, 16, 23. November 6, 13, 20 <b>NEW DATES ADDED</b> Tuesday mornings 9:30am to 11:30am 7, 14, 21, 28 January 4, 11, 28 February, 4, 11 March Tuesday evening 6:30pm to 8:30pm 7, 14, 21, 28 January 4, 11, 28 February 4, 11 March	A Complete Guide to parenting children with Autism and ADHD <a href="#">Current SEND courses – Families in Focus</a>



<p><b>Handling anger of primary aged children with Autism or ADHD</b> FREE six-week course is funded by Hertfordshire County Council and FREE for parents of primary-aged children with ADHD and/or Autism living in Hertfordshire. Online, interactive course for parents provides practical support to understand why children with Autism or ADHD react with anger and provides proven techniques to reduce angry meltdowns and increase emotional regulation for the whole family.</p>	<p>Tuesday mornings 9:30am to 11:30am November 5, 12, 19, 26 &amp; December 3, 10 Tuesday evenings 6:30pm to 8:30pm November 5, 12, 19, 26 &amp; December 3, 10</p>	Handling anger Primary aged children (Autism/ADHD)
<p><b>Handling anger in your family</b> Online, interactive course will transform family life and includes: Increase understanding of the triggers leading to children's &amp; parents' anger Techniques to increase children's emotional regulation and decrease angry meltdowns Strategies to support children to understand and 'let go' of their emotions safely Tried and tested techniques to reduce stress and conflict Support parents to share experiences and knowledge</p>	<p>Monday Evenings 6:30pm to 8:30pm November 4, 11, 18, 25 &amp; December 2, 9</p>	Handling anger in your family



<b>Family Lives</b>	<p><b>Positive Co-Parenting of Neurodiverse Children – 8 Week online facilitated group</b></p> <p>This programme is designed specifically 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.</p> <p>Who should attend?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 co-parenting their neurodiverse child.</li> <li>Parents seeking guidance, support, and practical strategies to navigate the unique challenges of raising a neurodiverse child.</li> </ul> <p>For more information or make a referral, scan the QR code, email <a href="mailto:services@familylives.org.uk">services@familylives.org.uk</a> or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699.</p>	<p>These 2 courses will be delivered via MS Teams, over 8 sessions:</p> <p>Tuesday 1, 8, 15, 22 October &amp; 5, 12, 19, 26 November 7pm to 9pm</p> <p>Thursday 3, 10, 17, 24 October &amp; 7, 14, 21, 28 November 9:30am to 11:30am</p>
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<b>Herts Mind Network</b>		
<b>Staying Calm Course</b> Our Staying Calm course is not a therapy group. The course is psychoeducational and aims to give participants practical tips to better manage their emotions. This practical and reflective course enables participants to learn positive communication styles and ways to remain calm when difficult emotions arise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand what difficult emotions are and why they occur Identify and challenge unhelpful thinking</li> <li>Understand how our thinking impacts on mood and behaviour</li> <li>Effectively use a number of strategies/techniques for manager difficult emotions</li> </ul>	<p>26 November &amp; 3 December 2 x Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm online</p> <p><a href="#">Staying Calm Course - Mind in Mid Herts</a></p>
<b>Sleeping Well</b> This workshop will provide participants with a good understanding of sleep and explore strategies to improve it. This workshop will be delivered online and in our centres by experienced Mind in Mid Herts Trainers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand the science of sleep, sleep cycles, the psychological and physiological benefits of sleep.</li> <li>Have learn and developed strategies to improve their sleep</li> </ul>	<p>12 December 5pm to 8pm</p> <p><a href="#">Sleeping Well - Mind in Mid Herts</a></p>
<b>Feeling Well</b> This four week course enables participants to gain an understanding of depression; its causes and symptoms and develop a range of strategies to effectively manage their mood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand depression, and recognise the symptoms of depression</li> <li>Recognise their own unhealthy cycle of depression Be able to identify and challenge their own unhelpful thinking patterns</li> <li>Effectively use of a number of strategies to manage mood</li> <li>Complete their own staying well recovery plan</li> </ul>	<p>13 November – 20 November 2 x Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm Online Courses</p> <p><a href="#">Feeling Well - Mind in Mid Herts</a></p>
<b>Learning to Relax Workshop</b> This one off workshop equips participants with a good understanding of what stress is, how it is managed and equips Learners with a range of strategies to effectively manage their stress.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand stress, the causes and effects of stress Recognise the relationship between their thoughts, feelings and behaviour and how these help to maintain stress</li> <li>Implement a range of relaxation techniques</li> <li>Understand a range of strategies to effectively manage stress</li> </ul>	<p>24 October 5pm to 8pm Online</p> <p><a href="#">Learning to Relax Workshop - Mind in Mid Herts</a></p>



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NHS Hertfordshire Talking Therapies	Primary Care Mental Health Update	
Student Support	Starting Collect/University is an amazing experience, full of incredible moments and opportunities, it can sometimes feel challenging. Please see link for self-referral for support available.	<a href="#">Referral   HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)</a>
Mental Health Awareness Training	As part of the World Mental Health Day celebrations in October, offer of free online Mental Health Awareness Training session to raise awareness of common mental health problems and how to identify them.	<a href="#">World Mental Health Day 2024   HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)</a>
ADHD Awareness Month	Understanding ADHD and low self-esteem webinar. Most people with ADHD can experience low self-esteem because of difficulties in different areas of their life. These difficulties may arise because of the experiences that come with ADHD, such as forgetfulness, poor concentration, extreme restlessness.	<a href="#">Understanding ADHD and low self-esteem   HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)</a>
<h2>MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID</h2>		
Youth Mental Health First Aid Training	<b>2 day first aider course</b> suitable for everyone who teaches, works, lives with or cares for 8 to 18 year olds. Fully funded. 9:30am to 4pm Youth MHFA, Facts and Figures, Depression and Anxiety, Suicide and Psychosis, Self-harm and Eating Disorders For further information contact <a href="mailto:hweicbhv.schoolsmh@nhs.net">hweicbhv.schoolsmh@nhs.net</a>	
1 Day Champion Course	<b>Mental Health First Aid Training – 1 Day Champion Course FREE</b> For Parents and Carers of 8 to 18 Year Olds 9:30am to 4pm What is mental health, health and mental ill health, stigma and discrimination, depression and suicide. Mental health conditions: anxiety, self harm, eating disorders, psychosis, recovery, resilience. <a href="#">Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) 1 day course for Parents &amp; Carers Tickets, Multiple Dates   Eventbrite</a>	



<b>NESSie</b>	<i>Support the positive mental health of children and young people 0-25 years. 1-1 and group therapies for children and young people and webinars and support to parents and carers.</i>		
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.		<b>FREE online and face-to-face workshops</b> on a range of mental health issues that affect children and young people. <b>Parent Support Line 07932 651319</b> (Wednesdays 9am to 12pm or by appointment) Private moderated Facebook support groups. support advice sessions. Peer support groups: a confidential group, where parents will have an opportunity to share their experiences, support each other through challenges and identify coping strategies. For more information: <a href="#">Podio</a>	
<b>Parent/Carer Live Webinar –</b>	<b>Bullying</b> Thursday, 17 October 2024 at 9:30am to 11:30am Thursday, 5 December 9:30am to 11:30am <a href="http://Nessie Public Booking Platform V3.0 (procfu.com)">Nessie Public Booking Platform V3.0 (procfu.com)</a>	The aim of this early intervention webinar is to share helpful tools and strategies to support your child to develop confidence and resilience in order to manage dealing with bullying. This webinar will provide information for families about managing, signposting and supporting with appropriate interventions. It will also offer parents and carers a chance to ask open questions in a warm and supportive environment with members of the NESSie Team.	
	<b>Anxiety</b> Thursday, 7 November 9:30am to 11:30am <a href="https://procfu.com/nespubbooking/eventDetail_home/2830715156">https://procfu.com/nespubbooking/eventDetail_home/2830715156</a>	The aim of this early intervention webinar is to share helpful tools and strategies to support your child to develop confidence and resilience in order to manage their anxiety. Provide information for families about managing, signposting and supporting with appropriate interventions. It will also offer parents and carers a chance to ask open questions in a warm and supportive environment and meet some of the NESSie team.	
	<b>Bereavement/Loss</b> Monday, 11 November 11:30am to 1:30pm <a href="http://Nessie Public Booking Platform V3.0 (procfu.com)">Nessie Public Booking Platform V3.0 (procfu.com)</a>	This interactive live online webinar is delivered by NESSie team members and aims to: Enable parents/carers to develop their confidence in supporting their child with bereavement and loss. Explore strategies to support their child/ren to discuss aspects of bereavement and loss, including divorce and separation. Provide a space to look at and identify effective support and management for the whole family and the opportunity to ask questions in a warm and supportive environment.	
	<b>When Children and Young People Struggle to Attend School</b> Wednesday, 20 November 7pm to 9pm <a href="http://Nessie Public Booking Platform V3.0 (procfu.com)">Nessie Public Booking Platform V3.0 (procfu.com)</a>	The aim of this early intervention webinar is to share helpful tools and strategies to support your child. Seeing your child overwhelmed and unable to attend school can be distressing for any parent/carer and it is easy to feel lost and alone. This webinar will provide information for families about managing, signposting and supporting with appropriate interventions. It will also offer parents and carers a chance to ask open questions to the NESSie team in a warm and supportive environment.	
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**'My World & Me'™ is a 12-week group programme for children and young people aged 7-16 years who live in Hertfordshire.**

This group is run by two NESSie Autism/LD specialists and aims to support your child/young person to have an opportunity to meet other young people of similar age and experiences. Focusing on celebrating your child's strengths, this group aims to be fun whilst supporting confidence, independence, and resilience. NESSie is proud to be neurodiverse affirmative with the majority of our team having lived experience. Please note that spaces are limited to 8 participants per group. Upon receiving your booking information you will be contacted by a member of our team for a chat. If your requested group is at capacity or a need for alternative support is identified, you will be offered an alternative group or signposted to alternative support. Completing the booking does not guarantee a space on the chosen group.

<b>Understanding My Autism: for school years 7-9 (online)</b> <a href="#">Booking</a>	This workshop is during school hours – children are welcome to join online from school or home. Please contact <a href="mailto:info@nessieined.com">info@nessieined.com</a> for more information. The joining link will be send ahead of the first session.	Tuesdays, 10 September to 3 December 11:15am to 12:15pm
<b>Understanding My Autism: for school years 3-5 (online)</b> <a href="#">Booking</a>	This workshop is during school hours – children are welcome to join online from school or home. Please contact <a href="mailto:info@nessieined.com">info@nessieined.com</a> for more information. The joining link will be send ahead of the first session.	Friday, 13 September to 6 December 2:15pm to 3:15pm
<b>Understanding My Autism: Supporting Transitions for School Years 5-6 (in person, Puckeridge)</b> <a href="#">Booking</a>	Tuesdays, 10 September to 3 December 4pm to 5pm	
<b>Understanding My Autism: for school years 4-6 (online)</b> <a href="#">Booking</a>	This workshop is during school hours – children are welcome to join online from school or home. Please contact <a href="mailto:info@nessieined.com">info@nessieined.com</a> for more information. The joining link will be sent ahead of the first session.	Wednesday 11 September to 4 December 11:15pm to 12:15pm
<b>Understanding My Autism / ADHD for Girls, School Years 10 – 11 (in person, Stevenage)</b> <a href="#">Booking</a>	Wednesday 11 September to 4 December 4pm to 5pm	
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## CARERS IN HERTS

<b>Carers</b> In Herts Evening Phone Support	Evening Phone Appointments available 5:30pm to 7:30pm on Wednesdays Book now: <a href="mailto:contact@carersinherts.org.uk">contact@carersinherts.org.uk</a> / 01992 58 69 69
<b>Young</b> Carers	See link for contact and links

## EARLY YEARS – SEND GROUPS

<b>NORTH HERTS FAMILY CENTRE</b>  <b>SEND Drop In - Free Drop In</b>  <a href="http://What's On North Herts District Summer 2024 (mailchi.mp)"><u>What's On North Herts District Summer 2024 (mailchi.mp)</u></a>	<b>Toddler Group: Arise and Shine</b> Letchworth Garden City Church, The Icknield Centre, Icknield Way, <b>Letchworth, SG6 1EF</b> <b>Tuesdays from 10.00am to 11.15am (term time)</b>	 <p><b>3 - 4 YEARS</b> The term after your child's 3rd birthday you are entitled to 15 hours a week free early education. Your child's provider will support you with any concerns around your child's development.</p> <p><b>2 - 2 ½ YEARS</b> By 2 years you will be invited to attend a Health and Development review with the Health Visiting Team. You will be offered lots of support and advice at your local Health Centre.</p> <p><b>4 - 5 YEARS</b> You can start school the term after your child's 4th birthday. Your school will support you with any concerns around your child's development.</p> <p><b>1 YEAR</b> By 3 months you will be invited to attend a Health and Development review with the Health Visiting Team.</p> <p><b>0-11 MONTHS</b> Your baby's Health and Development is important and the Health Visiting Team supports the health, development and wellbeing of your baby. Scan the QR code below to book to weigh your baby. The Family Support Service will also be in touch to welcome you.</p> <p><b>FAMILY CENTRE SERVICE</b> Can offer support with: - Introducing Solid Food - Toilet Training - Sleep, routines and boundaries. Scan the QR code below to find out more and to book.</p> <p>Scan the QR code for more information on services available and to book sessions at a Family Centre.</p> <p><b>North Herts Family Centre Service</b> Herts Partnership North Herts Community Health</p>
	<b>Broadwater Family Centre, Longmeadow Primary School, Oaks Cross, Stevenage SG2 8LT</b> <b>Thursdays 10am to 11:15 (all year)</b>	
	<b>Royston &amp; Villages Family Centre, Roman Way First School, Burns Road, Royston SG8 5EQ</b> <b>Fridays 9:30am to 10:45am from 24 October.</b>	
<b>SENsational Active Tots with Stevenage FC (ages 1-5)</b>	<b>Looking for somewhere to run off a bit of steam? The Family Centre Service alongside Stevenage FC are running new SENsational Active Tots</b> Sessions for 1-5 year olds. These sessions are all about bringing physical activity to life through various sports and challenges. Taking place at Fairlands Valley Park in Stevenage and FREE for the first 8 weeks (£3.50 thereafter). Wednesdays 10am to 10:45am, <a href="http://joinin.online">joinin.online</a>	
<b>ARISE &amp; SHINE</b>	<b>Letchworth Garden City Church</b> <b>A SEND pre-school toddler play group</b> and parent/adult support group. <b>ARISE &amp; shine</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensory Play, Bucket Time, Toys, Music, Stories, Soft Play Letchworth Garden City Church, Icknield Way, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 1EF</li> </ul> <b>Tuesdays 10am to 11:15am (term time only)</b>	



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