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Parents, Carers and Young People
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INFORMATION EVENT

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Time	Topic	Presenters
10am	The Impact of Undiagnosed Mental Health Issues/Disorders & Signposting to Tools to Help all Ages	Parents-in
10:30am	Understanding OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder)	SPACE Herts
11:30am	Social Media and Sleep	WIGST Mental Health Support Team
12pm	Digital Wellbeing	PHASE
12:15pm	The Neurodiversity Support Hub Advice Line	ADD-Vance
1:15pm	Support Groups	Angels Support Group
1:45pm	Emotionally Based School Avoidance EBSA	NESSU

The Icknield Centre, Letchworth
Thursday, 27 March 2025
9:30am to 3pm
Refreshments provided
nhdsp1.org.uk
Book your place via the website
PROFESSIONALS WELCOME TO ATTEND

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YOU CHOOSE - Drop-in at any time, pop along to hear the speakers, chat with local support services, stay for all or part of the day

INFORMATION EVENT

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Join us to find out information from local providers to help support children with SEND and/or who are struggling with their emotional and mental health.

Speakers from 10am to 2:15pm
Topics include
Social Media and Sleep
OCD
How to get support Autism & ADHD
EBSA - Emotionally Based School Avoidance
Undiagnosed Mental Health - signposting and tool for all ages

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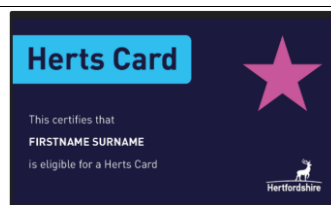
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Space Herts new this week/coming soon EHCP PROCESS AUTISTIC GIRLS ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS DYSLEXIA SLEEP BEHAVIOUR AS COMMUNICATION	ADD -Vance new this week/coming soon TIPS/TOOLS POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR PDA ONLIHNE SUPPORT TIPS/TOOLS MANAGE SCHOOL ABSENCE ADHD/AUTISM GIRLS IDENTIFYING ADHD/AUTISM ADHD/AUTISM TEENS	Angels Support Groups this week SUPPORT GROUPS: IN PERSON & EVENINGS UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR
Supporting Links NEW DATES ADDED TALKING TEENS TALKING DAD/MALE CARERS TALKING ANXIETY TALKING FAMILIES Bitesize Parenting for parents in Herts Eventbrite WHY DON'T MY CHILDREN GET ON BETTER?	NESSie this week/coming soon ANXIETY WHEN CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE STRUGGLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL	Child Wellbeing Practitioners DEVELOPING YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL LITERACY SELF-ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE SLEEP WORKSHOP EMOTIONAL WELLBEING/REGULATION SCHOOL AVOIDANCE
NHS Talking Therapies UNDERSTANDING ADHD AND LOW SELF-ESTEEM WHAT IS DYNAMIC INTERPERSONAL THERAPY	AUTISM HERTFORDSHIRE FEMALE VOICE GRUP: BODY IMAGE & BODY POSITIVITY (AGES 18+)	PREPARING AND SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE GOING TO UNIVERSITY WEBINAR
Families in Focus NEW DATES ADDED COMPLETE GUIDE TO PARENTING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM/ADHD HANDLING ANGER OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM/ADHD HANDLING ANGER OF CHILDREN (NO SEND)	Springboard Letchworth Open Day 1 April 2025 3pm to 5pm	Recorded Webinars (various topics) Neurodiversity Support



[Herts Card - additional needs database \(previously HAND\)](#)



Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2025 Events [NCW 2025 Events Schedule v1.0](#)



This year more panel discussions than ever before, with inspirational speakers from a range of backgrounds and professions. The discussions will all be focussing on key neurodiversity topics, and aim to educate while inspiring conversations about neurodiversity. All events are free of charge and open to all. [Link](#) to all topics.

Help Shape Services for Children and Young People Across Hertfordshire: Hertfordshire County Council is working on a new Plan for Children and Young People, which will outline our vision, ambitions and priorities for how we will support children and young people in the next five years. To help us shape this plan we would like to hear from professionals who work with children, young people and families across Hertfordshire. We want to know what you think is important for the people you work with and how we can best support them. <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/CYPF-2025/>

Family Spring Explorers Hertfordshire County Council	Spring Activities for families	Using the hilarious Spring story of Mrs Honey's Hat by Pam Adams, this workshop enables parent and children to improve their well-being and learn new skills by spending time making crafts together. Activities based around Key Stage 1 and 2 curriculum and so will link to your child's learning in school. Age 4+ (Cannot accept siblings under 4). Hands-on interactive workshop where both adults and children will be expected to get involved and learn together.
Springboard Letchworth	North Herts College: Springboard Letchworth open day. Tuesday, 1 April 2025 3pm to 5pm For professionals, parents and prospective students to meet the team and find out more about the Springboard Programme.	If you would like to attend please RSVP to Mickaela Windsor mwindsor@nhc.ac.uk or Rebecca Lewis rebecca.lewis@nhc.ac.uk or call us on 07943 526089. To help us to manage numbers we would appreciate a confirmation from you as to what time you are planning to attend.



SIGNPOSTING

Signposting	Previous Weekly, Parent Guide : News	
The SEND Local Offer	<i>A friendly face from the Local Offer team will take you through what's on the website and how you can use it to find the right services and support.</i> www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/localoffer	
The SEND Community Directory	The SEND Community Directory is a great way of finding a wide range of community activities, support groups and services for families and young people with SEND. Click HERE for details.	
Head Up!	Student Mentoring for 14-18 year olds Accepting new signups for 2025 mentoring programme. Free scheme run by disabled students and graduates, supports 14-18 year olds who self-identify as disabled (or anyone who has a physical/mental health condition, SpLD, or neurodiverse). Click HERE for further details.	
'My Health Information Document' (ages 11-17)	The 'My Health Information Document' contains important health information about young people aged 11-17 with health needs or special education needs, or both. It can be used by health professionals to make sure that the young person can access effective support and also help them prepare for the transition into adulthood. More Information click HERE . Pupils view click HERE .	
Duke of Edinburgh's Award projects	Duke of Edinburgh's Award projects for young people with SEND (ages 14-24) Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People (SfYP) will be launching 4 new Duke of Edinburgh's Aware (DofE) projects across Hertfordshire. Specifically designed for young people with SEND, young people missing from education, home educated young people, and young people being supported by a social worker. The SfYP DofE projects will offer a range of activities, from environmental conservation to community support opportunities, ensuring there is something to suit all participants. Click HERE for details.	
Introducing the new EHC Portal: tracking the EHC assessment process with ease	Hertfordshire County Council Introducing the new EHC Portal: tracking the EHC assessment process with ease	Development of a new online EHC Portal for families, launching (in a phased way) from mid-October. The portal will make it easier for families to track the progress of their Education Health and Care (EHC) Needs Assessment. See link for further details.
Voices of Hertfordshire 	Voices of Hertfordshire - YouTube Instagram: Voices of Hertfordshire @voicesofhertfordshire	Free online wellbeing groups for neurodivergent and/or disabled young people (ages 13-25) If you have any questions or want to have a chat about this group, please email Orla at 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
Hertfordshire Partner Organisations The Toolbox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See link for current schedule of workshops including and full details/criteria: Understanding My ADHD and Autism Hertfordshire Bee You – Autism and ADHD – No Diagnosis Required. CathARTic – Autism and Me: 6 Week Creative Program COGS Neurodiversity App NESSie – My World and Me – Autism/ADHD SPACE – Understanding My Autism and ADHD 	

JustTalk

Mental health support for all children and young people in Hertfordshire (justtalkherts.org)

Understanding my Autism/ADHD

Open to Hertfordshire children aged 5-16

- Paid or free-of-charge
- Online or face-to-face
- Visit [hertfordshireautism.co.uk](mailto:info@hertfordshireautism.co.uk)

Digital Webinars

On demand webinars
Topics relating to Autism, ADHD and the SEND world
Available on the Hertfordshire Local offer

The Toolbox

Dedicated website for young people to seek support on ADHD and Autism
Supporting to measure and interventions in Hertfordshire
Self-help tools and interactive assessments available
Visit hertfordshireautism.co.uk

Support Hub

No diagnosis required to access this support
Available to parents, carers, and professionals
Posting a topic available to book
Call or WhatsApp the team on 01438 822222

Toolbox Live Chat

Receive real-time support and guidance for children and young people with Autism or ADHD
Access expert advice and guidance on live hearings and concerns
No diagnosis required

Cogs APP

- Young people open to receiving support and information on Autism and ADHD
- No diagnosis required
- Free access
- To sign up, visit [hertfordshireautism.co.uk](mailto:info@hertfordshireautism.co.uk)

Hertfordshire Neurodiversity Support Offer

Toolbox

Hertfordshire Autism and ADHD

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



01727 833963 

 [**support@add-vance.org**](mailto:support@add-vance.org)

Opening Hours

9AM - 1PM - Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9AM - 3PM - Tuesday & Thursday
7PM - 9PM - Wednesday (By Appt)

Here to support, reach out for a listening ear 



ADD-VANCE
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Herts Haven Café



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 Police 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
Sun	12pm – 5pm	Quaker Meeting House, Hemel Hempstead

T: 0208 189 8400 E: info@hertshavennetwork.org W: www.wilfridtrust.org



Mental Health Support for adults in Hertfordshire



Get Advice

Advice
advice@hertfordshirementalhealth.org.uk
[01438 312312](tel:01438 312312)



Get Support

Hertfordshire and Welwyn Mental Health Partnership
info@hertfordshirementalhealth.org.uk
[01438 312312](tel:01438 312312)



Self-Referral

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Get Help

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Support

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Healthy Herts Hertfordshire

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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

Children's 24/7 Helpline                                  

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Children's 24/7 Helpline    

Hartfordshire Children and Young People's Nursery Service Directory

The services below provide a combination of early intervention and more specialist nursery support. Click the service name to be redirected to more information.

 Telephone support
  Online/individual support

 Referral request

	Support for  Parents and carers	 Professionals	Children and young people
ADHD Support – Support for families affected by ADHD. Includes support for children with ADHD and their families.			
Ability – Support for families of children and adults who have ADHD and/or Autism (or a diagnosis).			
Am SAU – A SEND-Infant for the inclusion of SEND-Infant children and young people.			
Autism Support – Collection of online resources to support Autism Support. Includes online resources.			
Children and adolescents – Peer support for children and young people.			
Online Webinars – Online webinars for parents, carers, and professionals.			
SEND, Children's Social Services, and Education – There are SEND, online resources for children and young people.			
Early Years SEN Health and Learning (EYSEN) – Support for children with SEN and their families.			
Additional Psychology – Support for children and young people with additional psychology needs.			
SEND Education Support Centre – Provide online resources for children and young people who have been genetically affected or are at risk of genetic conditions.			
Families in Focus – Provide online therapeutic resources for children and young people.			
Family Support Workers (FSWs) – Local support offered on a range of issues.			
Helpline – Support for the families to discuss children with complex needs.			
HSB Community Support Network – A network of support for children and young people with a range of issues relating to ADHD and Autism.			
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- Content Knowledge** – Provides learning, social and sports opportunities to neighbourhood children and young people.
- SENDAHS** – An impartial advice and support service for parents, carers and their children.
- SEND SAS** – SEND specialist advisory & support service offer education support for schools / colleges and families.
- Short Breaks** – A scheme offering children and young people with SEND the opportunity to spend time out with others socialising and playing for hours.
- Sense** – Offering a variety of support for families of neurodivergent children and young people.
- The Trusting** – Online support for neurodivergent children and young people. Includes gaming, investments, live text chat options and other resources.
- Understandings our Autistic/ADHD** – Support for autistic children and young people and those with ADHD. Includes online and in person workshops and a downloadable app offered by a variety of providers.

for ages 5

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/youthmentalhealth

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Herfordshire Youth Mental Health
01462 444444
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/youthmentalhealth

**Nutritionists
supporting one to
one sessions at
First Steps ED
Wellbeing Workshop,
Avoidant Restrictive
Food Intake Disorder
Workshops**

CYPMHS Service Directory - SW

FOLLOW

Help develop Speech, Language & Communication Skills at home [FOLLOW](#) | [Linktree](#)
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. <https://linktr.ee/EYFOLLOW>



You can make a referral to these services by following the below links or visiting our website www.hct.nhs.uk



Preparing and supporting young people going to University Webinar	Preparing and supporting young people going to university - an online webinar: Thursday 3 April 7- 8.30pm	<p>Following the session you will receive a toolkit and resource pack which will include practical tips and helpful signposting to additional resources and services.</p> <p>The webinar has been co-developed with contributions from experts with lived experience from each organisation to ensure the content is accurate and relevant.</p> <p>Signup is via EventBrite, please go to: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1223427557759?aff=oddttdtcreat or</p> <p>Further training sessions around the topic of Suicide Prevention are also available and can be found on the Spot the Signs EventBrite page: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/spot-the-signs-and-save-a-life-18307455358 Or contact debbie.worrall@mindinmidherts.org.uk for further information</p>
	<p>This webinar has been collaboratively produced by Mind in Mid Herts, DrugLink and Carers in Herts. It will explore the wider context to the challenges faced by young people as they leave home and start further education. During this time we know that many struggle with their mental health and this session will look at understanding risk-taking behaviours, including experimentation with substances and gambling, and provide guidance on how to address concerns when these behaviours escalate.</p> <p>The webinar has been designed for parents and carers of young people either preparing to start university or further education away from home or for those whose young people may already be at university. Attendees will look at ways to prepare, strategies for better communication and how to notice when something may be going wrong. The session will explore some practical strategies to support from afar. Further signposting support will be given and there will be opportunities for further discussion.</p>	
SPACE Herts	<i>Charity supporting families of children and young people who are neurodivergent (Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia, Tourette's and other neurodiverse conditions).</i>	
The EHCP Process from Submission to Finalisation Tickets, Thu 27 Mar 2025 at 19:00 Eventbrite		EHCP Process Submission to Finalisation
Autistic Girls Workshop Tickets, Tue 22 Apr 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite		Autistic Girls Workshop
Access Arrangements Workshop Tickets, Tue 22 Apr 2025 at 18:30 Eventbrite		Access Arrangements
Understanding Dyslexia Workshop Tickets, Wed 23 Apr 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite		Understanding Dyslexia
Sleep Workshop Tickets, Thu 24 Apr 2025 at 19:00 Eventbrite		Sleep
Understanding Behaviour as Communication: A Therapeutic Approach Tickets, Fri 25 Apr 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite		Understanding Behaviour as Communication
FOR FURTHER ACTIVITIES AND SESSIONS SEE: SPACE HERTFORDSHIRE Events Eventbrite		Additional Activities



Autism Hertfordshire	
Female Voice	Autism Hertfordshire - Female Voice group (ages 18+) Hertfordshire County Council <i>Female Voice Group: During this session we will be discussing body image and body positivity. This is a safe space for those impacted by this subject to share their experiences and support one another.</i> Wednesday, 26 February 7:30pm Online / FREE
Evening Groups	Evening social groups for adults 18+. In St Albans and Stevenage. Wednesdays, every 2 weeks – contact 01727 743246 orenquiries@autismherts.org for details
Daytime Groups	Community based sessions where attendees can take advantage of regular walks or lunches in local cases with their peer group. Supported by two staff members, across Herts. contact 01727 743246 orenquiries@autismherts.org for details
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. <i>Some HCC Funded workshops are recorded to enable you to watch at a convenient time.</i>
Tips & Tools for Positive Behaviour - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Mon 31 Mar 2025 at 19:00 Eventbrite	Tips/Tools Positive Behaviour
PDA ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP for Parents/Carers Tickets, Tue 1 Apr 2025 at 13:30 Eventbrite	PDA Online Support Group
Tips & Tools to Manage School Absence - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Wed 2 Apr 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite	Tips/tools Manage Schools Absence
Understanding ADHD & Autism for Parents/Carers of Girls- FREE 6 WK COURSE Tickets, Tue 22 Apr 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite	Understanding ADHD/Autism (Girls)
Identifying ADHD and/or Autism - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Wed 23 Apr 2025 at 19:00 Eventbrite	Identifying ADHD/Autism
Understanding ADHD and Autism in the Teen Years-FREE ONLINE 6 WEEK COURSE Tickets, Thu 24 Apr 2025 at 19:00 Eventbrite	ADHD/Autism Teens
Understanding Autism - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Fri 25 Apr 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite	Understanding Autism
Understanding PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance) - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Wed 7 May 2025 at 19:00 Eventbrite	Understanding PDA



Angels Support Group		<i>Angels is charity that supports families of autistic children and/or children who have ADHD (and those awaiting diagnosis).</i>	
Tuesdays – Zoom 10am to 12pm	VENUE: Letchworth Partnership Pod, Northfields.	Thursdays – Stevenage 10am to 12pm Home Start : 5 Bedwell Park, SG1 1NB	Thursdays – Zoom 7:30pm to 8:30pm
		27 Mar – Meet Up and Chat	
1 Apr – Understanding and Responding to your child’s behaviour			3 Apr
Podcasts: Podcasts - Angels Support Group		Support Groups and workshops, Meet up and Chat www.angelssupportgroup.org.uk Angels 2025 Programme Jan-April	
Autism Central		<i>Autism Central aims to make it easier to learn more about autism and services available to you.</i>	
Resources	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.	One-to-one	Talk to your hub for a one-to- one chat to help find the information and services available in your area.
Events	Talk to people who share similar experiences by joining a workshop, coffee morning or virtual meet up.		



Supporting Links		A local Social Enterprise, providing parenting support through courses, workshops and 1:1 mentoring of parents and children.	
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: bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk or 07512 709556 See website for flyers and links: New What's On (supportinglinks.co.uk)	
ASD & ADHD RESPONDING TO ANGER	Talking ASD & ADHD: Responding to Anger (714) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Wed 2 Apr 2025 at 09:30 Eventbrite	Responding to Anger	
Talking Teens 6 Weekly Sessions for parents/carers of children aged 12-19	NEW DATES Wednesdays 7:45pm to 9:15pm 7 May to 18 Jun ONLINE COURSE ID 759	NEW DATES Tuesdays 7:45pm to 9:15pm 3 Jun to 8 July ONLINE COURSE ID 760	Talking Teens
Talking Dads/Male Carers 6 Weekly sessions for Dads/Male Carers of all ages	Thursdays 7:45pm to 9:15pm (ages 0-11) 27 Feb to 3 Apr ONLINE COURSE ID 711 Wednesdays 7:45pm to 9:15pm (ages 12-19) 26 Feb to 2 Mar ONLINE COURSE ID 712	NEW DATES Wednesdays 7:45pm to 9:15pm 4 Jun to 9 Jul ONLINE COURSE ID 761	Talking Dads/Male Carers
Talking Anxiety in Teens 6 week session for parents and carers of children 12-19			Talking Anxiety in Teens
Talking Additional Needs (no diagnosis needed) A 6-week group for parents and carers of children with any additional need from 2-19.	Tuesdays 9:45am to 11:15am (ages 2-19) 25 Feb to 1 Apr ONLINE COURSE ID 701	NEW DATES Tuesdays 8pm to 9:30pm 6 May to 17 June ONLINE COURSE 756	Talking Additional Needs
Talking Families 6 weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 0-12	Tuesdays 8pm to 9:30pm 5 Feb to 1 Apr ONLINE COURSE ID 702	NEW DATES Thursday 9:45am to 11:15am 8 May to 19 Jun ONLINE COURSE ID 757 Tuesdays 8pm to 9:30pm 6 May to 17 June ONLINE COURSE ID 758	Talking Families



Families in Focus		<i>Hertfordshire based community interest company, which provides training, information and therapeutic and emotional support to parents.</i>
Email to book: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk		
Transforming family life through empathy - helping families to build strong family connections 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: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk		Transforming family life through empathy for Parents of children with SEND 4-10 years More dates coming soon in March 2025
A complete guide to parenting children with Autism & ADHD 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.	NEW DATES: Weds, 23, 30 Apr, 7, 14, 21 May, 4, 11, 18, 25 June 9:30am to 11:30am or 6:30pm to 8:30pm	A Complete Guide to parenting children with Autism and ADHD Current SEND courses – Families in Focus
Handling anger of primary aged children with Autism or ADHD 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.	NEW DATES: Tuesdays, 22, 29 Apr, 6, 13, 20 May 9:30am to 11:30am or 12:30pm to 2pm or 6:30pm to 8:30pm	Handling anger Primary aged children (Autism/ADHD)
Handling anger in your family (No SEND) Online, interactive course will transform family life and includes: Increase understanding of the triggers leading to children's & 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	Mondays Lunch & Learn 12:30pm to 2pm Evenings 7pm to 8:30pm 24 Feb, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 March	Handling anger in your family



Family Lives	<p>Positive Co-Parenting of Neurodiverse Children – 8 Week online facilitated group</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">• Parents who are experiencing conflicts and challenges due to the neurodiversity of their child.• Parents who want to improve communication and build stronger partnership in parenting and co-parenting their neurodiverse child.• Parents seeking guidance, support, and practical strategies to navigate the unique challenges of raising a neurodiverse child. <p>For more information or make a referral, scan the QR code, email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699.</p>
Herts Mind Network	<p>Hertfordshire Mind Network</p>



Children's Wellbeing Practitioners	HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Events Eventbrite Upcoming courses: Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation, Emotional Wellbeing Workshop, Sleep Workshop, Developing Your Child's Emotional Literacy	Check for available courses, please note they book up quickly
Developing Your Child's Emotional Literacy Tickets, Wed 2 Apr 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite		Developing Your Child's Emotional Literacy
Supporting your Child's Self-esteem and Resilience Workshop Tickets, Thu 10 Apr 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite		Self-esteem and Resilience
Sleep Workshop (Child and Adolescent) Tickets, Tue 15 Apr 2025 at 18:00 Eventbrite		Sleep Workshop
Child General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents/Carers Tickets, Tue 22 Apr 2025 at 18:00 Eventbrite		Emotional Wellbeing/Regulation
Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Service Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (hct.nhs.uk) Pre-recorded webinar, workshops for parents / carers and young people and links to the guidance docs.		School Avoidance
HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Events - 8 Upcoming Activities and Tickets Eventbrite	Upcoming Workshops: Sleep (Child/Adolescent) General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Self Esteem and Resilience Emotional Literacy	
CARERS IN HERTS		
Carers In Herts Evening Phone Support	Evening Phone Appointments available 5:30pm to 7:30pm on Wednesdays Book now: contact@carersinherts.org.uk / 01992 58 69 69	
Monthly Support Group	7pm to 9pm via zoom Children Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS) - Carers In Herts contact@carersinherts.org.uk	
Young Carers	See link for contact and links	



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.	Referral HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)
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.	Understanding ADHD and low self-esteem HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)
NEW	NEW – What is Dynamic Interpersonal Therapy (DIT) Animation video What is Dynamic Interpersonal Psychotherapy (DIT)?	
Support for Long Term Conditions	People living with long term physical health conditions such as diabetes, chronic pain, COPD, or chronic heart disease may face various challenges across many areas of their life. Resources and Self-help HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)	
Living well with persistent pain	Living well with persistent pain HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)	
Long Covid: Moving Forward	Long COVID: Moving forwards HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)	
Nature and Wellbeing SAD Seasonable Affective Disorder	Nature and Wellbeing HPFT IAPT Services	
Webinars Diabetes and emotional wellbeing	Diabetes and Emotional Wellbeing HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)	
Living Well with a Long-term Physical Health Condition	Living Well with a Long-term Physical Health Condition HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)	



NESSie		<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.		FREE online and face-to-face workshops on a range of mental health issues that affect children and young people. Parent Support Line 07932 651319 (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: Podio	
Webinar Playback	Supporting a Child Struggling to Attend School	Nessie Public Booking Platform V3.0 (procfu.com)	
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'My World & Me'TM 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.		Current Dates: My World and Me - Nessie	



EARLY YEARS – SEND GROUPS

NORTH HERTS FAMILY CENTRE

SEND Drop In - Free Drop In

[Parent & Toddler Groups](#)
[North Herts & Stevenage](#)

Toddler Group: Arise and Shine

Letchworth Garden City Church, The Icknield Centre, Icknield Way, **Letchworth**, SG6 1EF

Tuesdays from 10.00am to 11.15am (term time)

SEND Playgroup

At the British Schools Museum

Mondays 1pm to 2:30pm (ages 0-5) no booking necessary

FREE The Café at The Museum, The British Schools Museum, 41 Queen Street, **Hitchin** SG4 9TS

Broadwater Family Centre, Longmeadow Primary School, Oaks Cross, **Stevenage** SG2 8LT

Thursdays 10am to 11:15 (all year)

Royston & Villages Family Centre, Roman Way First School, Burns Road, **Royston** SG8 5EQ

Fridays 9:30am to 10:45am from 24 October.

SENsational Active Tots with Stevenage FC (ages 1-5)

Looking for somewhere to run off a bit of steam? The Family Centre Service alongside

Stevenage FC are running new SENsational Active Tots 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, [joinin.online](#)

