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Useful Contacts



The following organisations provide products and services to support children's speech, language and communication needs.

ACE (Advisory Centre for Education)

1b Aberdeen Studios
22 Highbury Grove
London
N5 2DQ
Tel: 0808 800 5793 (Monday - Friday 2pm-5pm)
www.ace-ed.org.uk

Gives advice on all educational matters, including special educational needs.

Afasic

2nd Floor
50-52 Great Sutton Street
London
EC1V 0DJ
Helpline: 08453 55 55 77
(Local call rate 11am—2pm Monday - Friday)
For information, advice or if you just need to talk.
Tel: 020 7490 9410
www.afasic.org.uk

Representing children and young adults with communication impairments, working for their inclusion in society and supporting their parents and carers. As well as a telephone helpline, Afasic provide children, young adults, families and professionals with: training, seminars and conferences, information sheets, newsletters and publications, local support groups throughout the UK; activity weeks and weekends; and expertise in developing good practice.

Association for Rehabilitation of Communication and Oral Skills (ARCOS)

Whitbourne Lodge
137 Church Street
Malvern
Worcestershire
WR14 2AN
Tel: 01684 576795
E-mail: arcos@globalnet.co.uk

ASLTIP (Association of Speech and Language Therapists in Independent Practice)

Coleheath Bottom
Speen
Princes Risborough
Bucks
HP27 0SZ
Tel: 01494 488306
Helpline: 0870 241 3357
www.helpwithtalking.co.uk

ASLTIP can supply details of independent (i.e. non NHS) speech and language therapists by location and specialism for independent assessments or therapy. ASLTIP's current minimum recommended rates are £85 for an initial consultation, £50 for subsequent standard consultations.

British Dyslexia Association

98 London Road
Reading
RG1 5AU
Helpline: 0118 966 8271
www.bda-dyslexia.org.uk

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British Stammering Association

15 Old Ford Road
London
E2 9PJ
Tel: 020 8983 1003
www.stammering.org

Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists

2 White Hart Yard
London
SE1 1NX
Information Line: 020 7378 3012/3
General tel: 020 7378 1200
www.rcslt.org.uk

The Royal College is the professional body for speech and language therapists in the UK. The College produces factsheets on particular disorders and can help with all aspects of speech and language therapy, including details of your local NHS therapy services. Details of independent therapists are available from ASLTIP (see overleaf).

Communications Forum

Camelford House
87-89 Albert Embankment
London
SE1 7TP
Tel: 020 7582 9200
www.communicationsforum.org.uk

An umbrella charity which brings together organisations concerned with human communication problems and provides opportunities for its members to work in partnership to achieve common aims.

OAASIS

Helpline: 09068 633201 (60p/minute)
www.hesleygroup.co.uk/oaasis.htm

Information on all aspects of special needs education.

Help with 'statements'

The following organisations specialise in help with the 'statementing' process and special educational needs in general.

Your local **Parent Partnership Officer** who can be contacted through your local authority.

SENDIST (Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal)

Helpline: 01325 392555
(open 9am - 5pm Monday - Friday)
www.sendist.gov.uk

IPSEA (Independent Panel for Special Education Advice)

22 Warren Hill Road
Woodbridge
Suffolk
IP12 4DU
Parents Advice Line: 0800 018 4016
(open Monday - Thursday 10am - 12am,
1pm - 4pm, 7pm-9pm, Friday 10am-1pm)
www.ipsea.org.uk

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Network 81

1-7 Woodfield Terrace
Stansted
Essex
CM24 8AJ
Tel: 0870 770 3306
(lines open Monday - Friday 10am-2pm)
www.network81.org

The Children's Legal Centre

University of Essex
Wivenhoe Park
Colchester
Essex
C04 3SQ
Advice Line: 01206 873820
(Monday - Friday 10am - 12.30pm)
www2.essex.ac.uk/clc/

Will give free professional advice on all issues affecting children, including statementing, special needs and negligence.

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Independent Speech and Language Therapists

Independent Educational Psychologists

British Psychological Society
St Andrew's House
48 Princess Road East
Leicester
LE1 7DR
Tel 0116 254 9568
www.bps.org.uk

Signs and Symbols

Children with speech and language difficulties are often helped by using sign systems, like Paget Gorman, Cued Articulation and Makaton.

Makaton Development Project

31 Firwood Drive
Camberley
Surrey
GU15 3QD
Tel: 01276 61390
www.makaton.org

Produce useful information for parents including leaflets, parent packs and details of training.

Other support for parents

Contact-a-Family

209-211 City Road
London
EC1V 1JN
Tel: 020 7608 8700
Helpline: 0808 808 3555
Textphone: 0808 808 3556
Freephone for parents and families (10am-4pm, Mon-Fri)
E-mail: info@cafamily.org.uk

A national network of parent-based support groups covering a wide variety of disabilities.

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Parents for Inclusion

Unit 2
70 Lambeth Road
London
SW8 1RL
Tel: 020 7582 5008
(helpline open Tuesday 10am-2pm,
Thursday 10am-12pm)

Support for families of children with disabilities who want their children to be included in mainstream schools.

Parent Link

A national charity run by parents for parents.
44-66 Caversham Road
London
NW5 2DS
Tel: 020 7735 1214
(lines open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm)

Aims to bring parents and carers together for mutual support.

Organisations for related disabilities

The Dyspraxia Foundation

8 West Alley
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 1EG
Helpline: 01462 454 986
www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk

Healthcall Dyscovery Centre

4a Church Road
Whitchurch
Cardiff
CF14 2DZ
Tel: 02920 628 222
www.dyscovery.co.uk

Assessment, training and treatment for dyspraxia and dyslexia.

FOLKS (Friends of Landau Kleffner Syndrome) 3 Stone Buildings (Ground Floor)

Lincoln's Inn
London
WC2A 3XL
Tel: 0870 8470707
www.bobjanet.demon.co.uk/lks/folks.html

National Autistic Society

393 City Road
London EC1V 1NE
Tel: 0207 833 2299
www.nas.org.uk

For more information please contact:

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8 Wakley Street
London
EC1N 2QP
Tel: 0845 225 4071
E-mail: info@ican.org.uk

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