

# DSPL3

## East Herts Directory of Services Spring 2016

A guide for parents and professionals of local organisations to support children and young people with SEND.



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| <a href="#">Act One</a>                                    |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           |                    |          | ✓          |
| <a href="#">ADD-VANCE</a>                                  |                                               |         |        |                               | ✓   |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">Amwell View Outreach</a>                       |                                               |         |        | ✓                             | ✓   |                                               |                  |                    | ✓                      |                           |                    | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">ASPECTS &amp; CC</a>                           |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        | ✓          |
| <a href="#">Bonney Grove SPLD Base</a>                     |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        | ✓                         |                    | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">CAMHS</a>                                      |                                               |         |        |                               | ✓   | ✓                                             | ✓                | ✓                  |                        |                           |                    |          |            |
| <a href="#">Carers in Herts</a>                            |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  |          | ✓          |
| <a href="#">CHATSS</a>                                     |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  |          |            |
| <a href="#">CHIPS</a>                                      |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           |                    |          | ✓          |
| <a href="#">Communication &amp; Autism Team</a>            |                                               |         |        |                               | ✓   |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">Disabled Children and Young People Service</a> | ✓                                             | ✓       | ✓      | ✓                             | ✓   | ✓                                             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                      | ✓                         | ✓                  |          |            |
| <a href="#">DSPL3 Autism Family Support</a>                |                                               |         |        |                               | ✓   |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  |          |            |
| <a href="#">Early Years SEND Team</a>                      | ✓                                             | ✓       | ✓      | ✓                             | ✓   | ✓                                             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                      | ✓                         | ✓                  | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">Educational Psychology Team</a>                |                                               |         |        |                               | ✓   | ✓                                             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                      | ✓                         | ✓                  |          |            |

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| <a href="#">ESTMA</a>                                      | ✓                                             |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  |          |            |
| <a href="#">Families Feeling Safe</a>                      |                                               |         |        |                               |     | ✓                                             |                  |                    |                        |                           |                    | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">Families First</a>                             |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">Families in Focus</a>                          |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">Grove Cottage</a>                              |                                               |         |        | ✓                             |     |                                               |                  |                    | ✓                      |                           | ✓                  |          | ✓          |
| <a href="#">HAND</a>                                       | ✓                                             | ✓       | ✓      | ✓                             | ✓   | ✓                                             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                      | ✓                         |                    |          | ✓          |
| <a href="#">HARC</a>                                       |                                               |         |        |                               | ✓   |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        | ✓          |
| <a href="#">Hertford &amp; Villages Children's Centre</a>  |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        | ✓          |
| <a href="#">Hertford Regional College</a>                  | ✓                                             | ✓       | ✓      | ✓                             | ✓   | ✓                                             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                      | ✓                         |                    |          |            |
| <a href="#">HWVSP</a>                                      |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">Hertfordshire 0-25 Integration Programme</a>   | ✓                                             | ✓       | ✓      | ✓                             | ✓   | ✓                                             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                      | ✓                         |                    |          |            |
| <a href="#">Herts STEPS</a>                                |                                               |         |        |                               | ✓   | ✓                                             | ✓                | ✓                  |                        |                           |                    | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">Home Start</a>                                 |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  |          |            |
| <a href="#">HPCI</a>                                       |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">IPSEA</a>                                      |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  |          | ✓          |
| <a href="#">Jubilee House</a>                              |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    | ✓                      |                           | ✓                  |          | ✓          |

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| <a href="#">KIDS Hub</a>                                   | ✓                                             | ✓       | ✓      | ✓                             | ✓   | ✓                                             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                      | ✓                         | ✓                  |          | ✓          |
| <a href="#">Local Offer</a>                                | ✓                                             | ✓       | ✓      | ✓                             | ✓   | ✓                                             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                      | ✓                         | ✓                  |          | ✓          |
| <a href="#">Makaton</a>                                    |                                               |         |        | ✓                             |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           |                    | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">Melody Monkeys</a>                             |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           |                    |          | ✓          |
| <a href="#">Money Advice Unit</a>                          |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  |          |            |
| <a href="#">Mudlarks</a>                                   |                                               |         |        |                               |     | ✓                                             |                  |                    | ✓                      |                           | ✓                  |          | ✓          |
| <a href="#">Natural Flair</a>                              |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           |                    | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">Oasis</a>                                      |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    | ✓                      |                           |                    |          |            |
| <a href="#">Occupational Therapy</a>                       | ✓                                             | ✓       | ✓      |                               | ✓   | ✓                                             | ✓                |                    |                        |                           |                    | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">PACT</a>                                       |                                               |         |        |                               | ✓   |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        | ✓          |
| <a href="#">PALMS</a>                                      |                                               |         |        |                               | ✓   | ✓                                             | ✓                |                    | ✓                      |                           | ✓                  |          |            |
| <a href="#">Rivers ESC</a>                                 |                                               |         |        |                               | ✓   | ✓                                             | ✓                | ✓                  |                        |                           |                    | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">Rural Care</a>                                 |                                               |         |        |                               | ✓   | ✓                                             |                  |                    | ✓                      |                           |                    | ✓        | ✓          |
| <a href="#">School Nursing</a>                             | ✓                                             |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">SENDIASS</a>                                   |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">Sensory and Physical Team</a>                  | ✓                                             | ✓       | ✓      |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           |                    | ✓        |            |

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| <a href="#">SEN Team</a>                                   |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  |          |            |
| <a href="#">SLT Service</a>                                |                                               |         |        | ✓                             | ✓   |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           |                    | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">SPACE</a>                                      |                                               |         |        |                               | ✓   | ✓                                             | ✓                | ✓                  |                        |                           | ✓                  |          |            |
| <a href="#">Special Cooks</a>                              |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           |                    |          | ✓          |
| <a href="#">Special Olympics</a>                           | ✓                                             | ✓       | ✓      |                               | ✓   |                                               |                  |                    | ✓                      |                           |                    |          | ✓          |
| <a href="#">SV&amp;V Childrens Centre Group</a>            |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        | ✓          |
| <a href="#">Thorley Hill SPLD Base</a>                     |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        | ✓                         | ✓                  | ✓        |            |
| <a href="#">Up On Downs</a>                                |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        | ✓          |
| <a href="#">Ware Children's Centre</a>                     |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  | ✓        | ✓          |
| <a href="#">We Do Care</a>                                 |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  |          | ✓          |
| <a href="#">Wellbeing Service</a>                          |                                               |         |        |                               |     | ✓                                             |                  |                    |                        |                           |                    |          |            |
| <a href="#">Youth Connexions (HCC)</a>                     |                                               |         |        |                               |     |                                               |                  |                    |                        |                           | ✓                  |          | ✓          |

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**ActOne ArtsBase** runs vibrant all-ability dance, theatre and arts projects all over Hertfordshire and the surrounding area.

We work in inclusive spaces where everybody feels valued. We create inspiring performances with people from all backgrounds, whatever their abilities.

Our goal is to make the performing arts accessible to all, regardless of disability or circumstance. Using this approach, we break down prejudice and barriers to participation for hundreds of young people.

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**ADD-vance** is a registered charity founded in Hertfordshire in 1996.



We provide specialist information, training and advice for professionals, as well as support for children, adults and families on issues relating to Autism, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and related conditions.

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**Amwell View Outreach Service** helps to ensure that pupils with learning difficulties can remain in their local mainstream school wherever possible.

The Outreach service can offer mainstream schools and Early Years providers support and assistance with individual pupils, small groups or whole school advice and/or training.

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**ASPECTS** - A family and student support service engaging communities in Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth and surrounding villages. Our aim is to ensure that young people and children enjoy, thrive and achieve at school.

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**Bonney Grove SPLD Base** offers advice, support and training to enhance schools' capacity to successfully meet the needs of pupils with specific literacy and numeracy difficulties. This is accomplished through a yearly Action Plan which sets out the training needs for the school. These are then met through school and pupil focussed consultation sessions. The Base team works hard to promote positive working relationships with their schools, in order to support staff and pupils and to create dyslexia friendly classrooms.

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**CAMHS** The service treats emotional and behavioural problems in children and adolescents.

Such emotional problems include depression, anxiety and phobias. The behavioural problems include extreme aggression at home and school, delinquency and attention deficit hyperactive disorder. Other serious issues can be anorexia, schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive disorder.

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**Carers in Hertfordshire:** We give support and information to unpaid family and friends who look after someone. We provide the space for you to discuss practical and emotional concerns around caring and opportunities to share experiences with others. We can provide the information you need to make choices about your life and caring role and the opportunity to have your voice heard by the people who plan services that affect your life.

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**ChatSS** Informal friendly group. Supporting parents of babies, children and young people with Additional and Special Needs, both in Mainstream and Special schools and colleges. Sharing information & exchanging ideas. Raising awareness of the needs of children & families.

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**CHIPS** stands for Children's Integrated Playschemes. We offer play and social opportunities for children with additional needs aged 3 to 19 living in East Hertfordshire between Bishops Stortford and Waltham Cross. Brothers and sisters are strongly encouraged to join as we believe that all children should play together regardless of their needs. Simple play is vital in any child's development. It is not only fun, play is a key component of healthy living by enabling good physical, emotional, mental and social development.

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**The Communication and Autism Team** consists of Specialist Advisory Teachers, Specialist Teachers and Early Years Practitioners who are specifically trained and experienced to work with children and young people with autism and specific speech, language and communication difficulties. We work closely with parents, schools, settings and other professionals in education and also from health and social care.

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The **Disabled Children and Young People (Social Care) Service**, works with families, children and young people who require personal care and family support services. Safeguarding those who are at risk of harm, abuse or exploitation is our first priority. We offer assessment and support services and can allocate personalised resources to eligible families to meet identified needs related to disability. We work with Disabled Young People who typically have a range of complex support needs, and usually their needs will extend into adulthood. We have published eligibility criteria

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**DSPL3 Autism Family Support Team.** Support via home visits, telephone or email, especially following diagnosis or at crisis point. Advice and home visits to help with behaviour and strategies. Information about talks, training and developments in the area. Access to helpful resources. We can put you in contact with other parents via our buddy system. Drop in surgeries at schools and settings across the area.

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**Early Years SEND Team.** We provide specialist support, advice and training to promote early intervention and inclusive practice for children aged 0-5 with special educational needs and/or disability. Our team is made up of early years specialists who support individual children and also provide systemic support to early years settings. We work with children with a range of developmental difficulties, including those with very complex needs.

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**Educational Psychology Team.** We help schools, settings and families to understand and manage a wide range of developmental issues and special educational needs. We use psychological based approaches to assess and intervene to enhance the learning, emotional health and well being of children and young people aged 0-19 years. We provide support at an individual, group and organisational level and offer a range of bespoke training and professional development.

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**The Education Support Team for Medical Absence (ESTMA)** provides support to schools that have pupils who are temporarily unable to attend school for medical reasons. This includes,

- Pupils who have an anticipated absence from school for a period of more than 15 days for medical reasons.
- Pupils whose attendance is below 50% due to medical reasons.
- Pupils integrating back into school following a period of absence due to medical reasons

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**Families Feeling Safe** provides training, services and programmes based upon the Protective Behaviours process. These enhance the safety, resilience and emotional well-being of children, families and workers. We endeavour to create services and programmes which are evidence based and sustainable by local communities. We also offer training for professionals who wish to provide these services and programmes within their own settings.

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**Families First** in Hertfordshire aims to ensure all key partner agencies take a cohesive and co-ordinated approach and collectively maximise their resources to empower children, young people and families and help them to become more resilient. We want to provide support to families before their needs escalate and help them retain control and responsibility for their futures.

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**Families in Focus—** Our Mission:

To promote understanding of the needs of children and support those upon whom children depend, to develop and deliver high quality products and services that help children lead happy, healthy lives and grow into self-sufficient, socially responsible, emotionally stable adults.

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**Grove Cottage** provides social and educational activities for people of all ages with learning disability: to develop their potential, avoid social isolation by supporting lifelong friendships and to provide respite for their families. We run the following clubs giving support and help from 3 months to 70+ years. Pre-School Playgroup, Nursery/Pre School, Youth Club, Adults Clubs, Saturday Clubs, Holiday Clubs, Performing Arts Club and Speech and Language Therapy.

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**H.A.N.D.** If you are the parent or carer of a child or young person with an additional need or disability aged 0-25 years, e.g. physical disability, visual or hearing impairment, a chronic physical illness, autism (Autistic Spectrum Condition) and communication disorders, learning disability or significant pre-school delay you can join the Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database (HAND).

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**harc** is the Hertfordshire branch of the National Autistic Society (NAS). We are volunteers who provide support to individuals and their families and campaign for better local services for those living with autism in Hertfordshire. We do this because we want the potential of all people with autism to be fulfilled and recognised, and for individuals and families to receive the support and understanding they need.

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**Hertford and Villages Children's Centre** Staff will offer one-to-one support where appropriate and/or signpost families to other relevant local services and support. The centre works in partnership with families and other agencies in meeting individual children's needs.



At **Hertford Regional College** we welcome learners with disabilities and/or difficulties and aim to provide the most effective support to help them achieve their goals. To support this aim, we will be flexible and match the support to each learner's individual needs.

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**Hertford, Ware & Villages School Partnership** employs three school family workers to work across the 40 schools in our partnership locality. Our vision is to enable pupils to reach their full potential by supporting their emotional and behavioural needs which may affect their ability to learn. The services we provide include:

- One-to-one work with individual children
- Work with the family
- Signposting to other services and support groups
- Delivering a wide range of Parenting Courses

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The **Hertfordshire 0-25 Integration Programme** is looking at how children's social care, adults' social care, education and health services can work more effectively together to better support families with children and young people that have additional needs. By joining up service delivery and commissioning we will see improved outcomes for children and young people as they enter adulthood. We will be looking at developing our workforce, reviewing the customer experience and existing services to ensure there is a smooth transition from children's to adults' services, as well as developing a commissioning strategy and commissioning delivery unit.

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**Home-Start East Herts** is a local charity which supports ordinary parents who are going through challenging times. Being a parent, whatever your situation, can be very difficult, especially when children are young. For some parents it's a particular struggle because they are also having to cope with issues such as post-natal depression, their or their child's illness or disability, isolation or multiple birth.

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**Hertfordshire STEPS** is a behaviour approach that aims to reduce and manage conflict and build a positive school ethos. The training covers a range of areas including de-escalation and calm body language, debriefing and positive handling techniques. During 2015/16 DSPL3 is part funding (50%) the training costs for schools and EY Settings.



**HPCI** is the parent carer forum for Hertfordshire and part of a national network of parent carer forums. We are an independent parent carer led organisation with a network of parent carers from all over Hertfordshire. Our aim is to improve services for our families by working alongside those providing services for children and young people with SEND.

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**IPSEA** provides independent information, advice and support based on the law. Our website has hundreds of free and downloadable resources to help families get the right education for children and young people with all kinds of special educational needs and/or disability.

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**Jubilee House** is an established charity providing support for adults and children with a learning disability and their families. For adults who choose to remain with their families and for children and their families, we provide a range of 'Short Breaks'. Our aim is to make sure that every person with a disability and their family can have the support that they need at a time when they need it.

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**KIDS East HUB** offers information and support for parents and carers of disabled children and young people aged 0-19 in Hertfordshire. We can give free and impartial support over the phone, by email or face-to-face (including home visits) with: Helping you find activities, groups and training, Support at meetings about your child, and Signposting to a range of local services for disabled children and young people including specialist services.

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All local authorities must develop a '**local offer**' for families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The local offer allows parents and young people to see what support and help is available for them and how to access it. The information is available in one place, accessed through the Hertfordshire County Council website.

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**The Makaton Charity** exists to ensure that everyone living with learning or communication difficulties has the tools and resources they need to communicate. We work towards this through our activities, such as providing training to families, carers, and professionals and working in partnership to influence society and empower people.

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**Melody Monkeys....**Looking for entertainment for your little one's party? Worried about their or their sibling's additional needs? We specialise in parties for 0 – 6 year olds (although this may well be older for those with additional needs) and have a great deal of experience working with children, toddlers and babies and additional specialism in working with children with special needs. We understand that things are more complicated when you have a child or children with additional needs and we can work together to make it right for them and you.

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The **Money Advice Unit** produces jargon-free, clearly written information about applying for benefits

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**Mudlarks** is Hertford's community gardening charity. Our aim is to integrate people with learning difficulties and mental health issues into the community through gardening whilst also promoting conservation and allowing people of all abilities to learn and work together.

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**Natural Flair Coaching.** The overall aims of the parent coaching groups and masterclasses are to help parents to recognise the good and positive things they already do and encourage them to aspire to be the best parent they can be and help think about any changes which could be made to personal parenting styles.

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**Oasis** is a new centre offering an individual approach for young adults (aged 16+), who have learning difficulties. Oasis has been set up to help these young people to achieve their personal goals by supporting them, in small groups, to improve their life, learning and communication skills. We aim to provide opportunities to help them achieve their full potential in a caring and learning environment. Oasis is Ofsted and Hertfordshire County Council APPROVED for Adult Social Care Services.

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**Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust**

Children & Young People **Occupational Therapy** offers a child and family centred approach to children who have difficulties completing functional everyday tasks. Occupational Therapists aim to facilitate the development of skills for example dressing, eating and other everyday tasks. Children's Occupational Therapists use skills of analysis to identify the root cause of functional difficulties. This may be, sensory, physical, emotional, environmental or social.

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**PACT for Autism** supports the families of children and adults with autism and other special needs and disabilities by providing various services such as a Parent Helpline, holding monthly meetings (with guest speakers), sharing useful information via email, Facebook and our online Forum, sign-posting to partner agencies.

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Hertfordshire Community **NHS**  
NHS Trust

**PALMS** works across the county providing a specialist multi-disciplinary approach to children and young people aged 0-19 who have a global learning disability and/or Autistic Spectrum Disorder and their families. PALMS clinicians comprise a 'virtual team' delivering a consistent service in a variety of community settings. PALMS aims to keep children and young people with their families within Hertfordshire thereby improving outcomes for all family members

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**Rivers Education Support Centre** exists to help children who are experiencing difficulties in mainstream schools because of their behaviour. An experienced team of outreach staff work in primary and secondary schools with children who are in danger of permanent exclusion. Some children have needs which are better met in a smaller environment where there are opportunities for bolstering self esteem and more specialised help so attend our KS3 Centre at Hertford and KS4 Centre at Hoddesdon.

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**Rural Care** provides training and work experience for people with learning disabilities and/or mental health issues in a supportive and caring environment on a fully working farm. We also work in partnership with North Hertfordshire College to provide accredited training for their students with learning disabilities on the farm. Volunteers are welcome and can help out with Rural Care or can work on their own so they can enjoy the tranquility of the farm.

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**School Nurses** are Specialist Community Public Health Nurses who are highly qualified nurses with an additional degree in public health, which specifically relates to the health needs of the school aged population. The School Nursing Teams works closely with Education, Social Care and other health professionals, to help children and young people to remain healthy and to ensure that any health needs are met

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**SENDIASS** is an impartial information, advice and support service funded by Hertfordshire County Council for parents, carers, young people (0-25) and professionals. Our expertise and training in special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and disagreement resolution help us to help you. We offer a personalised confidential service to help you understand how special educational needs are assessed and managed, so that you can make informed educational choices.



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**The Sensory and Physical Team** provides specialist advice and intervention for children and young people with low incidence needs. This includes children with visual, hearing or physical impairments. They provide support for individual children and also provide training and professional development, as well as advice about specialist equipment and ICT.

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**The SEN Team** is responsible for the delivery of the local authority's statutory duties in relation to the assessment, provision and review of children with complex SEN. They work with a range of people including parents, carers, professionals from education, social care and health agencies, to ensure that the individual SEN of children is met within the context of needing to be equitable and managing resources fairly. They co-ordinate the statutory SEN assessment and review processes, and identify and commission appropriate provision.

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The Children's **SLT Service** offers a child and family centred approach to support children and young people with speech, language, communication and eating and drinking difficulties. We work together with parents, carers and the team around the child. We offer a 3 tier model of service - universal, targeted and specialist services.

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**SPACE** is a support group for parents/carers of children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). We support parents that live in East Herts and Broxbourne areas, this can be anywhere from Waltham Cross to Buntingford. We meet up four times a month and have either a speaker of a coffee and chat session.

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**Special Cooks Company** is a small and friendly community based service which has been set up to give young people and adults with a learning disability the opportunity to learn or improve their existing cookery skills, and learn about healthy eating, in a safe environment.

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**Special Olympics East Herts** works in partnership with a number of agencies to create and sustain opportunities for people with a learning and or physical disability to become involved and stay involved in sport and physical activity through the continued development of SOEH training sessions and regular competitions.

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**Stort Valley & Villages Children's Centre Group.** The Government's vision of a Children's Centre is to improve outcomes for young children and their families. By working in partnership with other professionals and families we support:

- Child development and school readiness
- Parenting skills
- Child and family health

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**Thorley Hill SPLD Base** offers advice, support and training to enhance schools' capacity to successfully meet the needs of pupils with specific literacy and numeracy difficulties. This is accomplished through a yearly Action Plan which sets out the training needs for the school. These are then met through school and pupil focussed consultation sessions. The Base team works hard to promote positive working relationships with their schools, in order to support staff and pupils and to create dyslexia friendly classrooms.

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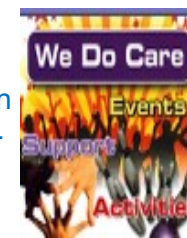
**Up on Downs** is a parent run organisation that supports families of children with Down's Syndrome. We support other parents by sharing information and creating opportunities for families to socialise and learn together. We support our children by arranging specific activities and by working with other agencies to increase awareness of Down's Syndrome and improve the opportunities available to people with the condition.

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**Ware Children's Centre.** We run sessions in the Children's Centre and also at locations throughout the community and offer support to families with children under five, working in partnership with a wide range of organisations. Our Outreach Family Support Worker works on a one to one basis with families who require more in-depth support and advice in a range of topics from Debt, getting back into work, Child Development and Benefits. During Term time we run a variety of sessions and participation groups and offer Holiday sessions to promote socialisation, healthy eating, and activities to aid an active lifestyle.

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**We Do Care** are a specialist support care company based in Hertfordshire who are passionate about providing an excellent service to young people and adults who are making their own decisions and choices about what they want to do in their lives and to be able to be involved in opportunities and activities of their choice.

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**Wellbeing Service** offers rapid access, via self referral or your GP, to a range of short term interventions. The team consists of experienced mental health professionals including Health Professionals Council (HPC) Registered Psychologists, High Intensity Workers and Psychological Well-being Practitioners, who offer a variety of different types of help

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**Youth Connexions** provides youth work, information, advice, guidance and support for young people aged 13 to 19 (up to 25 for young people with learning disabilities). It also provides support for young people leaving care, up to the age of 21, through the Youth Connexions One Stop Shops.

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