

Local SEN Support Groups

Younify

This is a support group open to parents and carers whose children have behavioural or learning difficulties (ASD, ADHD, ODD etc) offering a safe and welcoming environment to access information and support from others in similar positions. Younify run regular coffee mornings at The St Christopher School, Leigh-on-Sea. Please contact Duncan Paveling on 01702 524193 for more information.

The logo for Younify, with the word 'YOUNIFY' in a stylized, multi-colored font.

The Southend-on-Sea Parent Partnership Service

Working in partnership with Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, the Parent Partnership Service [PPS] offers free, impartial and confidential support and advice to parents and carers whose children have special educational needs. Ways in which the PPS offers support include:



- Giving information about the Local Authority's policies and procedures in order to help parents and carers make informed decisions.
- Encouraging links between parents / carers and the voluntary groups and organisations that are able to provide support.
- Supporting parents / carers during the statutory assessment process.
- Attending meetings with parents / carers; explaining letters or helping with the completion of forms that are required during the statutory assessment process.
- Helping parents and carers develop their collective strength e.g. setting up support groups.
- Providing a telephone helpline for parents and carers whose children have, or may have, a special educational need.

Please call 01702 215658

SAFE (Supporting Asperger Families in Essex) is a parent support group that works to:

- Raise Awareness of Asperger Syndrome
- Provide Support for individuals and families living with Asperger Syndrome
- Share Information in order to raise the quality of care and understanding within our communities
- Develop Services for people and families affected by Asperger Syndrome



Since forming in 1997 hundreds of people have made contact with us and many find that talking to others with Asperger Syndrome (AS) and their families, sharing experiences and feelings, helps them cope. They work with employment, education, health, mental health and social care departments to improve and develop services for people with Asperger Syndrome and their families. For more information please go to the website www.aspergers.org.uk or email emmaandpaul@aol.com

New Special Educational Needs Advice Service

'Contact A Family's' SEN Advice Service is a new service enabling parents and carers to get 1 to 1, in depth and personalised advice from fully trained SEN advisors on all educational issues. This can include information and advice on early years and portage services, school action, IEP's, assessments, transition planning, bullying, exclusions, transport and bursary funding. To access this service call the SEN Advice Line on 0808 0808 3555 or see the website www.cafamily.org.uk



Special Needs and Parents (SNAP) is a registered charity that helps Essex families who have children aged 0-25 years with special needs and disabilities. The children's disabilities are wide ranging including autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, sensory impairment, speech and language difficulties and learning disabilities. Our aims are to inform, encourage and support parents, so that they can grow in strength and knowledge and become better equipped to give the best possible help to their children. Please call 01277 211300 or email info@snapcharity.org

