

## Parent looking for support with autistic child



### Profile Overview

Location:

**Reading**

Reason for Enquiry:

**Parent needing help and support with autistic child**

Objective:

**To help the parent to find support and respite**

Time Spent:

**1 hour**

#### Background:

A social worker contacted the Information Officer (IO) at the Hexagon POD on behalf of her client. The client was a single parent with 2 children, her son was 11 years old and had autism. The son had been excluded from school for several months and the mum was trying to get the local authority to move him to a special needs school.

The mum was struggling to cope with the child, his behaviour was quite challenging and the grandmother had also given up work to help support the family and care for the boy.

#### Solution:

The IO suggested contact with the Parent Partnership Officer to give support regarding the child's statement and placement in a school that the mum felt able to meet her son's needs.

The IO also referred the family to the Berkshire Autistic Society and a Parenting co-ordinator. The family was also told about the DISC special needs mailing list and included on this so that they could find out about future activities and events for children with special needs.

#### Conclusion:

The parent and social worker were contacted and given the information and contacts for referral.

#### Referrals:

LDD Officer  
Parent partnership Officer  
Berkshire Autistic Society  
Parenting Children with Special needs Co-ordinator

#### Every Child Matters:

Enjoy and achieve  
Make a positive contribution

“

*Thank you for your help.*

”

RDG Q1 02 10-11

**Web: [www.familyresourcecentreuk.org](http://www.familyresourcecentreuk.org) Freephone: 0800 328 9148**

Administrative Office:  
75 Milford Road, Reading, RG1 8LG  
Registered charity No: 1078331 Company No: 3841084