Signposting Information-West Essex

Essex Local Offer Essex County Council: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) I Essex Local Offer	The Local Offer gives information about support available in Essex for children and young people aged between 0 to 25, with Special Needs and Disabilities (SEND). You can use the Local Offer to: • understand what to do if you're new to SEND • browse for local support such as support groups, fun activities or specialist healthcare • find out what to do in a complex situation, for example if you need to appeal a decision • get advice for young adults with SEND, such as housing and employment support
Essex Local Offer Roadshows Essex Local Offer Roadshows I Essex Local Offer	These are in person events for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Your child does not need a diagnosis for you to come and get help at a roadshow. You may: • be new to SEND and unsure what help is available • feel your child needs help or have questions about the support they already receive • want to find out what support there is for you as a parent or carer • not be sure what support you might need
Multi-schools Council Website: www.multischoolscouncil.org.uk	Giving children a voice, running awareness sessions in schools, and tackling issues that children raise as important to them.

Autism Central Autism Central for Parents and Carers I Autism Central	Autism Central is a peer education programme, commissioned by NHS England. It aims to build knowledge and understanding of autism and empower families and carers to advocate for autistic people they support. They offer online groups, webinars and 1:1 support.
SENDIASS Essex SEND - Information, Advice and Support Service (essexsendiass.co.uk)	Essex SEND IASS provides free, confidential and impartial information, advice and support about Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) for children and young people (0-25), parents and carers. They can advise on; • The law on Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Disability, Health and Social Care where they link to education • Local policy and practice • Mediation and dispute resolution, Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal Service and complaints procedures • The Local Offer
Support at school I Essex Local Offer	Advice on what support can be provided in school and one planning.
Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service (ECFWS) What we do? – Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service (essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk)	Family Hubs across Essex which provide advice, activities, and other services including speech and language, toileting etc for those 0-19 (25 with SEND)
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)	The Southend, Essex and Thurrock Child and Adolescents Mental Health Service (SET CAMHS) provides advice and support to children, young people and families who are in need of support with their emotional wellbeing or mental health difficulties.

PACT **https://www.pactforautism.org.uk**	A charity offering support for parents, carers, Neurodivergent individuals and families. Based on Harlow but cover West Essex. Register to receive newsletter with events and activities, no diagnosis is needed.
Epping forest Inclusion project West Essex Inclusion Project - Epping Forest District Council (eppingforestdc.gov.uk)	Supports children and young people with a learning disability and/or autism, children with a physical and/or sensory impairment through sport and leisure activities across West Essex.
Families in Focus About - Families InFocus Essex	We are an independent charity, working with families who have a child (or children), or a young person, with any special educational need or disability (SEND). We provide advice and support to families with SEND children on how to access appropriate education, how to apply for an Education Health Care Plan and appeals to the SEND tribunal, as well as providing support with disability benefits, and social care issues.
Action for family carers https://affc.org.uk	They support adult carers and young carers and give advice on who may qualify as a carer/ young carer.
SPACE	**https://parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk/about-space/how-space-can-support-you**