



Norfolk Parent Partnership

Could you support parents of children with special and additional educational needs?

Norfolk Parent Partnership helps parents and carers of children with special educational needs. We offer support and information about education; produce leaflets and a newsletter each term, which is sent out to families through schools.

We are currently looking to recruit more volunteers for our increasingly popular 'Independent Parental Supporter' service.

Our volunteers support parents and carers to:

- Encourage parents to be fully involved in their child's education
- Listen to concerns and help and encourage parents to express their views in writing and vocally
- Help to access relevant and up-to-date information
- Explain procedures and choices
- Explain about assessment and statementing
- Help to fill in forms, write letters and reports
- Go with parents to meetings



A five-day training programme for people interested in volunteering is arranged twice a year. The next course starts on. The training is free and is accredited with the Open College Network.

Our training prepares you to support parents and carers. It covers the statementing process, the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice, Disabilities, Child Protection and includes talks from special educational needs professionals.

Ongoing support and training continues throughout the time you are a volunteer and mentoring support is always available for you.

This is what some parents have said about our service:

"Thank you so much for being there for me when I didn't know where to turn"

"We feel we can trust you"

"It seems like you are the only people who care what happens to my son"

The next course will be held on Thursdays 9.30am - 3.30pm:

at **South Norfolk District Council, Long Stratton.**
18th, 25th September, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd October 2008.

For more information and an application form, contact Elizabeth Fletcher at

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