



# Partnership News



Summer 2005

The newsletter for parents and carers of children with special educational needs

## We have moved!

Staff at parent partnership are delighted that we have now moved into more permanent accommodation. Our new office includes a small meeting room/library and we are able to have all our resources easily accessible.

Our new address is:

**Norfolk Parent Partnership**  
**Woodside Road**  
**Norwich**  
**NR7 9QL**

Tel: **01603 704070**

Fax: 01603 704072

Email: [parent.partnership@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:parent.partnership@norfolk.gov.uk)

Website: [www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk](http://www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk)

We will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday 14th September 2005.

If you would like to join us in celebrating our move, please ring Elizabeth on the above number.



Please let us know if you would like large print copies or if translations would be useful.



Schools




Central Norfolk  
Primary  
Care Trust



Norfolk  
County Council  
Children's  
Services



Norfolk Autistic  
Society

Norfolk Parent Partnership is funded by  **Norfolk** County Council  
working with the voluntary sector and other professionals to support parents and  
carers of children with special educational needs.

# Practising to Support Parents

We had an excellent turn out for our Independent Parental Supporter course in Mattishall this spring.



Here the group are practising their listening skills and finding out how much they can remember from previous sessions, as they pair up and pretend to be an IPS at a meeting with a parent.

As well as working on their communication skills, the group have also met a variety of professionals and participated in sessions about disability awareness, child protection and voluntary organisations. Obviously we spend lots of time looking at the Code of Practice - School Action, School Action Plus and Statutory Assessment and Statements.



**If you have some free time and an interest in special educational needs maybe you would like to join our team.**

Our volunteer Independent Parental Supporters have helped hundreds of parents over the last 10 years. Some things parents have said about IPSs are: "I do not think I could have managed without this help", "They helped me feel less powerless, redressed the balance" and "They guided me through the statementing process".

If you would like to be a volunteer, we offer **free accredited training** - the next course will be held in Norwich during September/October 2005 .

**Book your place now!!**

For more information contact  
Norfolk Parent Partnership on: 01603 704070

or email: [parent.partnership@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:parent.partnership@norfolk.gov.uk)  
[www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk](http://www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk)

## Early Years - Big Ideas

## Spaces Available

Norfolk and Norwich Scope Association is running a new programme of pre-school activity sessions for children with special needs and their parents/families, at the Health Centre, Long Stratton.

The sessions follow National Curriculum Early Learning Goals and involve songs, games, 'messy play', stories etc and aim to support parents in helping their child to develop basic physical, social, emotional and cognitive skills.

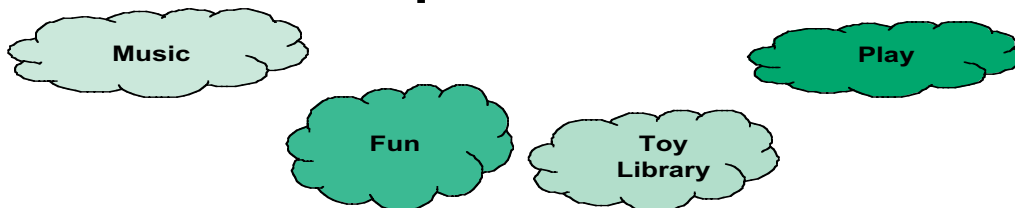


Interested parents or professionals are invited to contact Joy Bishop on 01603 414109 or email: [norfolknorwich.scope@virgin.net](mailto:norfolknorwich.scope@virgin.net) at 33 Woodcock Road, Norwich NR3 3TT.

**Free!**  
**Wednesday**  
**10.15am - 11.15am**  
**Ages 2 - 5 years**  
**Children must be accompanied**

# Daisy-chains

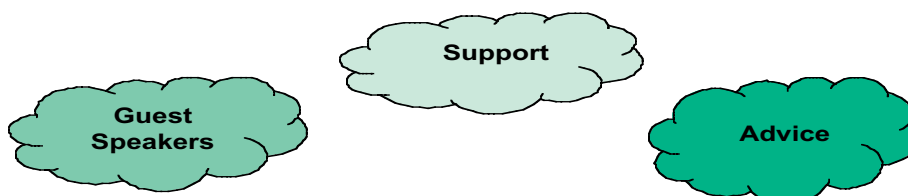
**A support group for families and carers of pre-school children with special needs.**



**Place - Cromer Girl Guide Headquarters (Disabled access)**  
**Overstrand Road**  
**Cromer**

**Time - 1.15 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.**

**The group runs fortnightly starting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2005.**



**For more information please telephone**  
**Poppyland Outreach Team 01692 405814 (office hours)**  
**Maria 01692 404369 (evenings)**

POPPYLAND  
**SureStart**

Did you know that the Youth Services works with young people across the county, in projects, clubs and in activities where a young person can participate, develop skills, make friends, increase in confidence and have fun?!

If you would like information on how a young person with a learning difficulty and, or disability can get involved, or a consent form, then contact Anna Zmura on 01603 630948.

Youth Centres in:  
Breckland  
Broadland  
Great Yarmouth  
King's Lynn and West Norfolk  
Norwich and South Norfolk



## Norfolk Sports Alliance disability star:track athletics

Are you a young person who would like to improve your running, jumping and throwing at fun coaching sessions? Open to all abilities aged between 8 and 15yrs old. Qualified and Criminal Record Bureau checked coaches.

### Summer Courses 2005

Norwich Earlham High School -  
Monday 1st August  
Great Yarmouth Wellesley Road  
Athletics Track -  
Tuesday 9th August  
King's Lynn Lynnsport -  
Monday 15th August - cost £10.

For further information and a booking form ring:  
Sue Pennington on 01603 727885.

## Children's Services

From 1 February 2005 Norfolk County Council's Children's Services came into being.

The service was created from the parts of the old Social Services

and Education Department that had a focus on supporting children. The intention is to strengthen and improve the services to children offered by the County Council and other services such as Health and Police.

one number - 24 hours  
Customer Service Centre: 0844 800 8014



### **Open invitation**

to our

### **Parent Focus Group**

for all parents/carers of children with additional needs

An opportunity to exchange information, raise concerns and share good practice with representatives from Children's Services (previously Education and Social Services)

**We want to hear from you!**

**Tuesday July 12th**

**UEA Sportspark,  
Cringleford Room  
10.30am - 12.30pm**

free parking, refreshments provided  
Come along and bring a friend

For more information, contact:  
Kim Barber, Disability Co-ordinator,  
Pupil Access and Specialist  
Support, Norfolk Children's Services  
**Tel 01603 259952**

### **Do you know or care for a young person with sight difficulties?**

If so you are warmly invited to come along to an event at:

**The Equipment and Information Centre,  
The Norfolk and Norwich  
Association for the Blind,  
Magpie Road, Norwich,  
on Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2005 between  
9.30am and 1pm**

It will be a chance to find out about the NNAB and to meet with other local organisations that offer help to youngsters who are visually impaired and to their families or carers.

Also present will be suppliers of sensory toys and games.

If you require further details please contact:

**Dorothy at the NNAB 01603 629558**

**We are looking forward to meeting you.**

### **Children's Services SPECIAL NEEDS NORFOLK 2005**

**10th Anniversary Celebration**

**Tuesday 11th October 2005**

**9am - 5pm**

Norwich Sport Village Hotel  
Drayton High Road, Hellesdon,  
Norwich. NR6 5DU

We would like to invite you to  
Special Needs Norfolk 2005  
All Seminars Free - Book Early!  
Exhibition Admission Free

For further information contact  
**Greenwood Centre**  
**01603 458191**

[www.greenwoodcentre.centralnps.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.greenwoodcentre.centralnps.norfolk.sch.uk)  
Booking forms to be returned by 4th July

### **Norfolk Link** **Two Exciting Speakers**

for all those interested in the education of children with Down syndrome

**Louisa Tippler -  
Educational Psychologist  
"Differentiation -  
this is what it really means"  
and returning by popular demand...**

**Irene Struthers -  
teacher of the visually impaired  
"Visual Impairment" -  
latest research**

6pm arrival for a 6:30pm start - close 8:30pm

**Wednesday 6th July  
Bignold Middle School, Norwich**

*Of interest to teachers, supporters and parents of children with Down syndrome and other complex learning difficulties - please copy to all interested parents and staff*

For further information please contact:  
**Diane Bowie Norfolk Link - 01553 669219**  
Registered charity number 1102365