

## Services and Support for Parents and Carers

There are a range of local services that can help to support families of children who have SEND.  
Below are some you may find particularly useful.

### Dorset Special Educational Needs Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

Dorset SENDIASS are a free, impartial and confidential service who provide information, advice and support to parents and carers of children and young people with SEN and/or disability.

Website: <https://www.dorsetsendiass.co.uk/>

Email: [sendiass@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

### Dorset Parent Carer Council (DPCC)

Dorset Parent Carer Council is run by parents for parents and their families. Their aim is to help improve the lives and opportunities for families and children and young people who are disabled in Dorset. They are doing this by being a voice to inform all agencies and services about the needs of disabled children and their families in Dorset.

Tel: 07827 793244

Website: <http://www.dorsetparentcarercouncil.co.uk/>

### Contact A Family For Families with Disabled Children

Contact a Family is the only national charity that exists to support the families of disabled children whatever their condition or disability.

Tel: 020 7608 8700

Website: <http://www.cafamily.org.uk/>

Email: [info@cafamily.org.uk](mailto:info@cafamily.org.uk)

## **Dorset Family Information Directory**

Provides information to families on services in Dorset.

**Website:** <http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/fis/search>

## **Mosaic**

**A support group for bereaved children**

**Telephone** (01258) 837071

**Website:** <https://mosaicfamilysupport.org/>

## **Xchange**

The news and information network for Dorset families with children who are disabled or have additional needs.

**Website:** <https://www.xchangeonline.co.uk/>

**Email:** [info@xchangeonline.co.uk](mailto:info@xchangeonline.co.uk)