Services for Young Children

Parents/ Carers Update October 2026

Included this month: Early Learning for 2-Year-Olds, Hampshire SENDIASS, Hampshire Healthy Families, Civil Legal Advice service



Early Learning for 2-Year-Olds

Your 2-year-old can get 15 hours of funded childcare a week, for 38 weeks of the year, if your family are eligible. Your child may be able to have funded childcare for more than 38 weeks a year if taking fewer hours over more weeks: https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds-extra-support
For further details, and to apply:
https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/childcare/paying-for-childcare/2yearoldoffer

Hampshire SENDIASS workshops and videos for parents/ carers

Hampshire SENDIASS run free fortnightly sessions for those responding to a draft EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) document, to help meet the critical time frame for replies. Other workshops are held monthly – including those for families considering an EHCP application.

Check out their website for further details https://www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops/ and their YouTube channel for their range of informative videos including Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP) www.youtube.com/@PolarisSENDIASS



Hampshire Healthy Families – supporting your child's learning

Hampshire Healthy Families **Two and Beyond video series** has been refreshed into shorter, bite-sized videos, making it easier than ever to access practical tips and advice that fit around busy family life. From building confidence and communication skills to encouraging independence, play and healthy routines, each video explores the important skills children develop on their journey towards starting school from the age of two.

Watch the videos on the Hampshire Healthy Families website:
https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/two-and-beyond-videos

Alternatively, you can **join a free session in your local community.** The free *Two and Beyond* face-to-face sessions happen across Hampshire in a community venue near you. After the session, you will receive a digital toolkit of resources to support you and your family in your child's learning journey. Book a space at your local face-to-face session on Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/two-and-beyond-your-childs-learning-journey-4183033/

Civil Legal Advice service

Legal Aid Agency's Civil Legal Advice (CLA) is a free confidential service offering specialist legal advice to people in England and Wales who qualify for legal aid. The CLA helps with issues including debt, special educational needs, discrimination, and housing. Clients eligible for legal aid will be connected to a specialist adviser.

Full details on how to access CLA, including phone, online, and postal options, along with information on eligibility and the accessible support available, such as interpretation, British Sign Language, and Text Relay can be found on https://www.gov.uk/legal-aid/check-legal-aid