

Information Advice Support

# AMAZE SERVICES

**For families with children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in Sussex**

## Information & advice

Get detailed information about special educational needs and disability (SEND) on our website, including fact sheets, guides and blog posts: <https://amazesussex.org.uk>. Or contact our free SENDIASS advice line for more individual guidance. The advice line is for parent carers and young people up to 25 in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex. Email [sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk](mailto:sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk) or call 01273 772289.

If you can't speak to us in English, contact Sussex Interpreting Services for help with getting in touch: <https://sussexinterpreting.org.uk/make-a-social-prescribing-referral>

## Workshops & courses

We run regular, free workshops for parent carers in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex on topics such as getting the right SEND support in school, Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans, disability benefits, the transition to adulthood, and more. See: <https://amazesussex.org.uk/events>. Some of our workshops are available to watch at any time on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/AmazeSussex>

## Support and social groups for parent carers

We offer befriending and regular social groups for parent carers of children and young people with SEND at various locations in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex. Our parent groups are delivered as a partnership with East Sussex Parent Carer Forum and Brighton & Hove Parent Carers' Council. See <https://amazesussex.org.uk/parent-groups-and-befriending/>



Find out more about our  
FREE Amaze services at  
[amazesussex.org.uk](https://amazesussex.org.uk)



**SENDIASS advice line:**  
**01273 772289**



## **Support and social groups for young people**

Young people aged 14 to 25 with SEND can join our Amazing Futures peer support and activity groups in Brighton & Hove, Bexhill, Eastbourne, Hastings and Seaford. Activities include art, board games, cookery, drama and running and in Brighton we have LGBTQ+ and women's groups too:

<https://amazesussex.org.uk/amazing-futures>

We also offer careers guidance for young people aged 14 to 25 with SEND in Brighton & Hove to help them plan their next steps in education, employment or training.

<https://amazesussex.org.uk/amazing-futures/careers>

## **Help with claiming disability benefits**

If you want to make a claim for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) for a child or young person, Amaze can offer you free advice and sometimes practical support, if you have extra challenges. Find out more at <https://amazesussex.org.uk/benefits-advice/>

## **Compass leisure card**

Our free Compass Card gives leisure discounts and offers for 0 to 25 year olds with SEND in Brighton & Hove. To get a Compass Card, children and young people need to live or go to school in Brighton & Hove. To apply, visit

<https://amazesussex.org.uk/compass-card>. East Sussex families can get an i-go card which offers similar benefits. <https://igo.eastsussex.gov.uk/>

## **ND Family Support**

Our ND Family Support Service is for families with children and young people under 25, before and after assessment for neurodevelopmental (ND) differences such as autism, ADHD and tics/Tourettes. We support families in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex.

We offer training and navigation, parent groups and befriending, and youth activities for young people with neuro-differences through Amazing Futures.

<https://amazesussex.org.uk/nd-family-support>

## **Getting your voice heard**

Amaze supports local parent carer forums (PACC and ESPCF) to make sure the voice and views of parent carers are central to planning SEND services:

<https://amazesussex.org.uk/parent-carer-forums/>