

Dorset Support Services

Family Support		
Service	What they do	Contact details
Action for Children Parent Talk	Down-to-earth parenting advice you can trust. Find answers to parenting questions in our advice articles. Or talk to a parenting coach about anything that's worrying you.	www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/
Autism Unlimited (formerly Autism Wessex)	We are the leading regional charity providing specialist education, care and support, to children and adults affected by autism and other associated difficulties.	www.autism-unlimited.org Email: info@autism-unlimited.org Phone: 01202 483360
Dorset Children's Centres	Children's centres are for all families with children under five years old. They provide a range of services, depending on local need and parental choice.	www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/activities-for-children-young-people-and-families/childrens-centres/find-a-childrens-centre.aspx
Dorset Family Information service	Dorset Family Information Service is a free, impartial information service for parents and carers of children and young people aged up to 19, or up to 25 years for those with <u>special educational needs or disability (SEND)</u> .	www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/get-help-for-your-family/family-information-service.aspx Email: familyinfo@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Phone: 01305 221066
Dorset Family support teams (Early Help)	<p>Family support teams provide information, advice and guidance, as well as direct support around anything relating to family life, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staying safe • keeping healthy • parenting • managing finances • achieving well in the early years, at school and getting a job <p>And can bring together professionals to help your child, for example, by working with your health visitor, doctor or school teacher, provide one-to-one family work, suggest parenting support courses that could help you and your family, offer help and advice for more complex needs, maybe you're concerned about your child's behaviour, or worried about their development or emotional or mental health, link you to local groups that can support you, including activities at your local Children's Centre, help your child be ready for school and help you fill out any relevant forms and paperwork.</p>	www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/get-help-for-your-family/getting-help-for-your-family.aspx#fpz Chesil locality Email: chesillocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 01305 762400 Dorchester locality Email: dorchesterlocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 01305 224220 East Dorset locality Email: eastlocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 01202 868224 North Dorset locality Email: northlocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 01258 474036 Purbeck locality Email: purbecklocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 01929 557000 West Dorset locality Email: westlocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 01308 425241

Dorset Local Offer	Dorset Council's Local Offer for children and young people from 0 to 25 years with special educational needs and/or disability (SEND) provides information, advice and support for children and their families.	www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/sen-and-disability-local-offer/dorsets-local-offer.aspx
Dorset Parent Carer Council	Our aim is to help improve the lives and opportunities for families and children and young people aged 0-25 years who are disabled in Dorset. We are doing this by being a voice to inform all agencies and services about the needs of disabled children and their families in Dorset.	www.dorsetparentcarercouncil.co.uk Email: dpcc@dorsetparentcarercouncil.co.uk Phone: 07827 793 244
Dorset Children's Social Care	Children's social care can provide help to children and their parents if the child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • needs support with maintaining their health or development • has a disability • is in need of protection • is unable to live with their family and has been adopted, is living with foster carers or lives in residential care • A social care professional can provide practical advice and information that helps the family. 	Children's Advice and Duty Service Tel: 01305 228866 Children who are disabled social care www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/sen-and-disability-local-offer/education-and-learning/services-to-help-support-your-child/children-who-are-disabled-social-care
The Xchange	An interactive news and information network for children who are disabled and or have additional needs and their families	www.xchangeonline.co.uk