

Useful organisations and websites

Organisations

- ACE Centres – information and advice on augmentative and alternative communication aids and equipment. www.ace-north.org.uk and www.ace-centre.org.uk (for the south)
- Afasic – a UK charity to help children affected by speech, language and communication impairments. Helpline: 08453 555577, www.afasic.org.uk
- Association of Speech and Language Therapists in Independent Practice (ASLTIP). Tel: 0870 2413357, www.asltip.co.uk
- The British Stammering Association (BSA). Tel: 020 8983 1003, www.stammering.org
- Cleft Lip and Palate Association (CLAPA). Tel: 020 7833 4883, www.clapa.com
- The Dyspraxia Foundation – for advice and resources on developmental dyspraxia and speech dyspraxia. Helpline: 01462 454 986, www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk
- Early Support – the Early Support Programme relates to disabled children aged 0-5 years and publishes various support booklets. They include booklets for parents on a range of conditions including Speech and Language Difficulties and Autistic Spectrum Disorders as well as a comprehensive Family Pack. www.earlysupport.org.uk
- The Hanen Centre (parent training and publications on the Hanen approach to language and communication) www.hanen.org
- I CAN – a charity that helps children to communicate. They produce useful resources, run some specialist provision and also organise training. Tel: 0845 225 4071, www.ican.org.uk
- Makaton Vocabulary Development Project (information about Makaton sign vocabulary and training): 31 Firwood Drive, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3QB. Tel: 01276 61390, www.makaton.org
- The National Autistic Society, 393 City Road, London EC1V 1NG. Helpline: 0845 070 4004. www.nas.org.uk, e-mail: autismhelpline@nas.org.uk
- The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists. Tel: 020 7378 1200, www.rcslt.org
- Selective Mutism Information and Research Association (SMIRA). Tel: 0116 2127411

Websites

- Bilingualism - www.bilingualism.co.uk
- British Sign Language – www.britishsignlanguage.com (to download live performances of signs)
- PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) – www.pecs.org.uk
- Signalong – signing and singing – www.signalong.org.uk
- Talking Point: information from I CAN on communication development and disability – www.talkingpoint.org.uk
- Writing with symbols/Widgit – www.widgit.com