**DO YOU WORK WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH SEND?**

**DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NEURODIVERSITY AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES?**

Families have told us in a recent SEND survey that they would like more access to peer support and a range of short break activities for families to access.  Families feel that this additional support for families will be vital while waiting for their assessments.

In consultation with families we have developed a free training offer for the workforce to become more aware of the simple considerations they can make to accommodate those who may be neurodivergent and expanded the offer of parent carer support to families, whether they have a diagnosis or not.

The training consists of:

**An Introduction to Neurodiversity Online Training**

This training is particularly aimed at professionals working with children, young people and families in Tameside and Glossop.

Up-skilling Tameside and Glossop professionals to develop best practice in supporting neurodiversity in their work with children, young people and families.

Join the Starling team to get to grips with the basics of 'neurodiversity'.

This half day training via Zoom will cover:

- Definitions: neurodiversity, neurodiverse, neurotypical/neuronormative, neurodivergence, neurodivergent - what do these words mean and when/how do you use them?

- Approaches to neuro-inclusivity: what practical considerations can you take in your organisation to become more inclusive of neurodivergent minds?

- Harnessing neurodivergent super skills: how can you best support individuals to ensure they can be their authentic selves and reach their potential?

- Useful resources: what is out there to support you and your organisation to learn more about neurodiversity?

**Dates**

16th March

12th and 13th April

12th and 13th May

13th June

[BOOK HERE](https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/tameside-glossop-neurodiversity-training-150989?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=odclsxcollection)

**Parent Carer Support can be accessed via Our Kids Eyes (OKE):**

* Family Activity Sessions, including high ropes, soft play, and arts and crafts, and opportunities for families to talk to each other

* Information sessions for parents. Providing them with up to date information and signposting on a wide range of topics eg foodbanks, education, social care, health, debt, housing, benefits etc.

* Parent support group sessions

* A rolling programme of courses or workshops on topics like Sleep, Behaviour, Medication, Speech & Language, Autism, SEN support/education

Families would need to be registered with OKE to access the sessions and the wealth of support that OKE can offer.

<https://www.ourkidseyes.org/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/ourkidseyes.uk>

For additional parenting support see:

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/sid/parenting>