

## Suggested sources of information for parents of children/young people with SLI/SLCN

This is not an exhaustive list but rather contains some suggestions of sources of information you *may* find helpful. Afasic Cymru is happy to receive suggestions from parents of books, resources or websites that they have found useful that could be added to this list.

### Campaign

RALLI

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RALLIcampaign>

The RALLI (Raise Awareness of Language and Learning Impairments) Campaign explains what a language impairment is, the impact it can have and how to get help.

### Free downloads

The following organisations have lots of publications and resources that parents can download for *free*:

Afasic Cymru

<http://www.afasiccymru.org.uk/publications/>

Including: **Assessments and statements, Handy hints, Glossary sheets**

Cerebra

<http://cerebra.org.uk/>

Including: **Learning Disabilities, Autism and Internet Safety** Guide for parents of children with learning difficulties

Clickety Books

<http://www.clicketybooks.co.uk>

Including: **Free resource library with games and videos**

The Communication Trust

<http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/resources/>

Including: **Small talk, Listen up, Misunderstood, Other ways of speaking, Top tips leaflet**

Contact A Family Wales

<http://cafamily.org.uk/wales>

Including: **Newsletters** and **Parent Guides** on topics such as **SEN in Wales** and **Direct payments in Wales**

The Discovery Centre

<http://boxofideas.org>

Including: **What is ADHD? What is Dyscalcula? What is Developmental Co-ordination Disorder?**

- I CAN <http://www.ican.org.uk/Book-shop.aspx>  
Including: ***What is SLI? What is Verbal Dyspraxia? Visual timeline for parents***
- National Autistic Society <http://www.autism.org.uk/our-services/>  
Including: ***Behaviour guidelines, Sleep and autism, Communicating and interacting***
- Talking Point <http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/en/Parent.aspx>  
Including: **age specific developmental factsheets**
- SNAP Cymru <http://www.snapcymru.org/>  
Including: ***Choosing a school, transition and frequently asked questions***

### Free papers

#### **Better Communication Research Programme**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/series/better-communication-research-programme>

**Semantic Pragmatic Disorder**, Margo Sharp,

<http://www.img.tapuz.co.il/forums/9823587.htm>

### Augmentative and Alternative Communication organisations

- Makaton <http://www.makaton.org>
- Paget Gorman Signed Speech <http://www.pagetgorman.org>
- Signalong <http://www.signalong.org.uk>

### Books

**Please note: Prices quoted are guidelines *only*, many titles can be found more cheaply on the internet or borrowed free from libraries.**

#### Information about Speech, Language and Communication needs

***The SLI Handbook***, Afacic/I CAN, £5.99

Describes what SLI can look like in children of all ages and how it is different from other forms of speech, language and communication needs. It explains the processes that children with SLI may go through once they have the right diagnosis and also outlines the kinds of schools available to them with examples of what good support looks like.

***Trouble Talking***, James Law and Jane Elias, Jessica Kingsley Publishers, £35

Explains about normal speech development, how genetic, medical and social factors may impede a child's progress and how parents and health workers can monitor and react to areas of concern in the way the child communicates.

***Children with Language Impairments: An Introduction***, Morag I Donaldson, Jessica Kingsley, £25

Contains concise (rather than complex research information) about children with language impairments without oversimplifying the issues concerned.

## Information for Parents

***Guerrilla Mum – Surviving the Special Needs Jungle***, Ellen Power, Jessica Kingsley Publishers, £14.99

Any parent who reads this book will discover, if they didn't know already, that their child's difficulty has long term implications, that funding considerations affect almost all decisions made about their child and that ultimately it is down to them as parents to fight for appropriate support.

***Special Educational Needs: A Parent's Guide***, Antonia Chitty and Victoria Dawson, Need-2-Know, £9.99

A starting point for anyone new to the whole subject of special educational needs.

***The Parent's Voice: Advocating for your Child***, Afasic, £5

This booklet aims to encourage and empower parents to become involved in influencing and improving services for children and young people with speech, language and communication needs.

***Special Educational Needs (SEN): A guide for Parents and Carers (Revised 2009)*** Department for Education, available in various formats – see website details below

This is a guide written for parents and carers about the SEN process.

***It Takes Two to Talk®***, Hanen (available from Winslow Press UK), £34.95

Designed specifically for parents of children with language **delay**, this book shows parents how to help their child communicate and learn language during everyday activities like mealtimes, bath times and playtime.

***Organisational Skills Pack – Home***, Amanda Kirby, The Dyscovery Centre, £13.99

Offers a range of practical ideas and strategies including visual timetables, bedroom organisation, understanding time concepts, homework routines and much more.

***Common Parenting Issues: Handouts for professionals working with children and families***  
Cathy Bétoin, Speechmark, £26

These leaflets provide clearly written guidance on how to help children (to age 16) with some of the common problems encountered in family life.

## Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties

***Children with Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties and Communication Problems***, Melanie Cross, Jessica Kingsley Publishers, £18.99

Describes many different types of both speech, language and communication problems (SLCN) and social emotional difficulties (SEBD) and makes the case to consider whether unidentified SLCN may be a root cause or contributory factor in SEBD scenarios. It also offers very practical advice for assessment and intervention.

## School

***Choosing a School for a Child with Special Needs*** Ruth Birnbaum, Jessica Kingsley Publishers, £14.99

Gives good, clear practical advice for parents of children with Special Educational Needs and includes chapters on need and various types of school provision together with information on occupational, physio and speech and language therapy with relevant questions to ask.

## **Information on Dyspraxia and Dyslexia**

***Developmental Dyspraxia: A Manual for Parents and Professionals***, Madeleine Portwood, David Fulton Publishers available September 2013, £tbc

Provides a text on Dyspraxia which is accessible to parents.

***A Parent's Guide to Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and other learning difficulties***, Valerie Mutterand and Helen Likierman, Vermillion, £10.99

10-15 per cent of children with apparently normal learning ability will have significant problems with school learning. This book addresses these issues and aims to help parents understand and deal with them.

***Dyspraxia, Developmental Co-ordination Disorder***, Amanda Kirby, The Dyscovery Centre, £12.99

What most parents want above all is information about causes, symptoms, diagnostic procedures and other possible conditions. This book explains all these in simple terms and includes a glossary of technical terms that may be used by professionals.

## **Education**

***Communication and Language Activities***, Hackney Speech and Language Therapy Service, Edited by Sarah Nash, Hinton House, £29.99

A compilation of games and activities which cover all aspects of communication and as such provides a comprehensive resource for anyone working with SLCN as well as ideas that may be used at home.

***What did you say? What do you mean? An illustrated guide to understanding metaphors***, Jude Welton, Jessica Kingsley, £12.99

Expressions that don't literally mean what they say can be confusing for children with Asperger's Syndrome. These cards can enable children with AS to enjoy metaphorical language too.

***Supporting Children with Speech and Language Impairment and Associated Difficulties***, Jill McMinn, Questions Publishing Ltd, £20

This book helps to guide you through the possible difficulties that children who have speech and language difficulties face in their daily life at home and at school and offers practical ideas of how to help.

***Working with Secondary Students with Language Difficulties***, Mandy Brent, Florence Gough and Susan Robinson, David Fulton, £26

This book represents a whole school approach that includes tips for identifying pupils with language learning difficulties, helping children overcome stumbling blocks by using the book's practical classroom strategies and modifying the school curriculum to best support children with language difficulties.

***Practical Mathematics for children with ASD and other developmental delays***, Jo Atkins and Sue Larkey, Jessica Kingsley Publishing, £21.99

Topics covered include colours, shapes, categories, numerals, sequencing, addition and subtraction and using money.

## Other helpful organisations

Ambitious about Autism	<a href="http://ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk">http://ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk</a>
British Stammering Association	<a href="http://stammeringcentre.org/parent-information">http://stammeringcentre.org/parent-information</a>
Bullies out	<a href="http://www.bulliesout.com">http://www.bulliesout.com</a>
Department for Education	<a href="http://www.education.gov.uk/publications">http://www.education.gov.uk/publications</a>
The Family Fund	<a href="http://familyfund.org.uk">http://familyfund.org.uk</a>
The Michael Palin Centre	<a href="http://stammeringcentre.org/parent-information">http://stammeringcentre.org/parent-information</a>
Parent Partnership	<a href="http://www.parentpartnership.org.uk">http://www.parentpartnership.org.uk</a>
Young Minds	<a href="http://youngminds.org.uk/for_parents">http://youngminds.org.uk/for_parents</a>