Parent Support Information

“Why and How?” Free Informal Parent Training
This training is for parents, family and friends of school aged children awaiting assessment or with a diagnosis of Autism. Training consists of two 3 hour sessions over 2 consecutive weeks. It offers information about "why" you need to know about autism and "how" you can help your child.

Contact Helen McLennan on 01461 207 008 for more information and to book your place.

Supporting Autism Together Free Drop in Sessions for Parents Families and Friends of school aged children awaiting assessment or with a diagnosis of Autism. These informal sessions run monthly in different locations across Dumfries and Galloway. Two professionals join parents to talk, problem solve, find out more and share ideas. Books, leaflets, DVD's and other resources available.

Email for more information at: supportingautismtogether@dumgal.gov.uk
Or contact us on Facebook by searching for “Supporting Autism Together”

AOS Contact Details
For further information or to submit your completed AOS Request form, please contact:

Mary Thomson, Education Officer,
McMillan Hall, Dashwood Square, Newton Stewart,
DG8 6EQ
Email: Mary.Thomson@dumgal.gov.uk
Telephone: 01671 403455

What happens when a request is made to AOS?

Multi-agency team agree to refer child or young person to AOS

AOS Request Form completed and sent to Mary Thomson with relevant additional information

ACCEPTED
Letter sent to referrer & parent

AWAIT FURTHER INFORMATION
Further information

NOT ACCEPTED
Letter with reasons sent to referrer & parent

Request allocated to AOS worker who should make initial contact with referrer and parent / carer within 4 weeks

AOS worker develops action plan AND / OR contributes to current child’s plan

Following identified intervention, the AOS worker will end their involvement with the multi-agency team

From April 2015, Autism Outreach Service (AOS) replaced the Autism Spectrum Disorders Integrated Network (ASDIN).
Aims of AOS

AOS aims to:
- work in partnership with colleagues and families
- deliver a specialist advice /consultation service
- build capacity within existing supports
- further develop action plans and profiles
- provide an objective overview in difficult cases

Who can make a request for AOS advice and support?

- Following multi-agency team agreement, with parental consent, any member of the team of professionals supporting the child or young person.
- Parents can contact a professional on the multi-agency team and ask them to make a request for AOS support on their behalf.
- A child/young person who is referred to AOS will already have multi-agency involvement.

They may also have:
- A Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) Child’s Plan
- Additional Support for Learning (ASL) plan
- Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Co-ordinated Support Plan (CSP)
- Personal Profile

Please note in exceptional circumstances other appropriate referrals may be considered.

When might you make a request to the AOS?

- If the multi-agency team feel they have exhausted all options.
- If the young person or the situation continues to deteriorate at school or home. (This may be related to behaviour or school attendance.)

What other services might you think of contacting first?

- Additional Support for Learning Teachers
- Educational Psychologists
- Community Paediatricians/Nurses
- Speech and Language Therapy – Social Communication Service
- Child and Adolescence Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Occupational Therapy

To request an Autism Outreach Service Request Form to be emailed to you, please call:
01461 207008, 01387 273950,