



Area Wide Grants

South Gloucestershire Parents and Carers

MAPPING YOUR SEND JOURNEY

South Gloucestershire Parents and Carers (SGPC) are a supportive community of parents and carers who work to improve services and support for children and young people (0-25 years old) with additional needs in South Gloucestershire.

In March 2019 they were awarded an Area Wide Grant of £2,000 to run training workshops to support families expecting to receive a diagnosis for a child with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).



Due to the complex nature of these conditions, it can take a while for a full diagnosis, and this can be a lonely and worrying time for parents and carers. The training workshops help participants to learn strategies based on the needs of their children and provide support for families whilst they are waiting for a formal assessment.



SGPC is based in Yate and provides a range of options to enable parent carers of children and young people with SEND to come together to learn from and support each other through informal coffee mornings, training workshops, and focus groups. They provide a wide range of information and resources through their website, social media, e-bulletins, SEND magazine, events and also use feedback from parents and carers to assist in the development of education, social care and health services so that services better meet the needs of families.



A SPOKESPERSON SAID

“ Our passion and our drive are to see service improvements for our community and making sure that we are fully involved in the process. Over the past 10 years we have been working really hard to build trust and relationships with education, health and social care services, with the sole aim of working co-productively together in mutual understanding towards positive change ”

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In July 2019 SGPC were announced winners in disability charity, Contact's awards. The group was praised for their work providing a supportive community for families with disabled children in the area and won the 'Excellence in Parent Participation Award'. The photo shows Rachel and Leonie of the SGPC leadership team receiving the award at the Palace of Westminster.



JULIE BYE, A PARENT WHO NOMINATED THE GROUP, SAID

“ They are a force for change, but also hugely supportive. They run a counselling service and training for parent carers to empower them to get jobs ”



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