



Peer Support Group Meeting



Date: Monday 22nd September at 12pm



Organization: My Child Has A Speech Delay CIC

EDUCATION &
ADVOCACY



Warm

Warm welcome to all parents/carers

WELCOME & PURPOSE

Purpose

Purpose of today:

- Learn about key aspects of education & advocacy
- Share experiences
- Build confidence in navigating SEND systems



Shared lived experience =
understanding & empathy

Emotional and practical
support

Reducing isolation

Empowering families to
advocate

WHY PEER SUPPORT MATTERS



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Children's right to
inclusive education

Overview of EHCP (Education,
Health & Care Plan) process
Children and Families Act 2014, which states that a
child or young person has a right to an EHC needs
assessment if their needs may require a plan

Role of schools &
local authorities

Importance of early
identification &
support

EDUCATION RIGHTS OVERVIEW

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1

Speaking up for
your child's
needs

2

Understanding
the system
(schools, LA,
health services)

3

Knowing your
rights and your
child's rights

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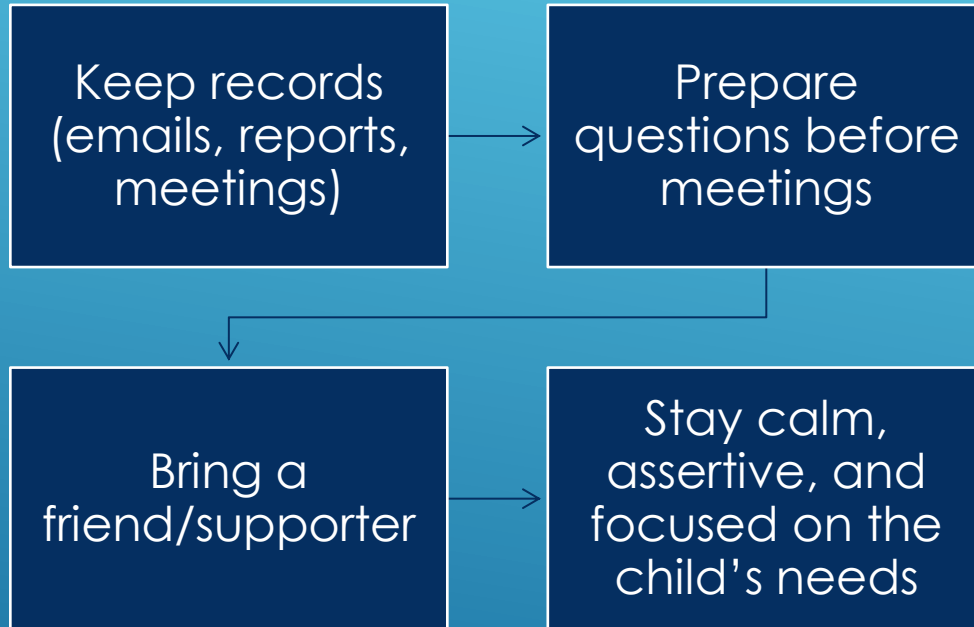
Working in
partnership with
professionals

ADVOCACY – WHAT IT MEANS



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PRACTICAL ADVOCACY TIPS





- ▶ Types of support available in school (SENCO, interventions, adaptations)
- ▶ Transition stages (nursery → primary, primary → secondary, post-16)
- ▶ Signposting to local services & resources

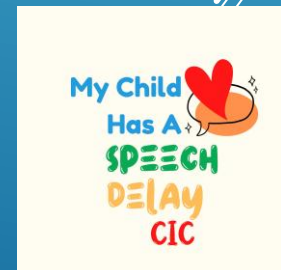
EDUCATION PATHWAYS & SUPPORT





- ▶ A safe space to share & learn
- ▶ Mentoring new parents
- ▶ Signposting to resources & training
- ▶ Strength in numbers – collective advocacy

ROLE OF PEER SUPPORT GROUPS



Local SENDIASS
(Special
Educational Needs
and Disabilities
Information,
Advice & Support
Service)

Parent Carer
Forums

National
organisations
(IPSEA, Contact,
Council for
Disabled Children)

Online support
communities

RESOURCES & SIGNPOSTING

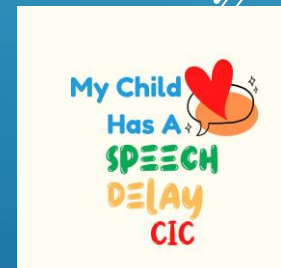
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- ▶ Open floor:
 - ▶ - What challenges are you facing?
 - ▶ - What strategies have worked?
 - ▶ - How can we support each other?

DISCUSSION & SHARING





Key takeaways



How to stay connected
(WhatsApp/FB group,
next meeting)



Thank you &
encouragement

NEXT STEPS & CLOSING

