

# DISABLED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TRAINING, INFORMATION AND ADVICE

## DO YOU

- ✓ **Work with families affected by disabilities?**
- ✓ **Support disabled children, disabled adults, their families and carers?**
- ✓ **Deal with questions about income maximisation and benefit entitlement?**

CPAG in Scotland's disabled children and families project supports all those who work with children, adults and families who are affected by disability. We run training courses, provide information and offer advice on the social security benefits and tax credits that can be claimed by disabled children, disabled adults, their families and carers.

## TRAINING COURSES

We can organise any of these courses at your workplace or at a venue near you, and they are already planned in our training programme. Visit [www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/training](http://www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/training) for more information about our courses and to check which one is right for you.

- ✓ **Benefits for disabled children and their families**  
(basic; half day)

This course offers practical advice both on checking that a family is getting all they should and on how you can help make claims effectively. It aims to help you recognise important issues, and equip you to advise directly or refer for specialist advice.

The course is aimed at anyone working with children and families. No previous knowledge of benefits and tax credits is required.

**We can offer this basic level course on your premises or a venue that suits you at the special price of £250\*** (Up to 20 staff, \*plus tutor expenses)

- ✓ **Benefits for disabled children from age 16**  
(basic; half day)

This course focuses on the transition to adult benefits from age 16 for young people with disabilities or health problems who still live at home. It looks at changes to disability benefits for the young person, and considers the circumstances in which a young person can claim adult benefits in their own right while still living at home.

**We can offer this basic level course on your premises or a venue that suits you at the special price of £250\*** (Up to 20 staff, \*plus tutor expenses)

- ✓ **DLA for children**  
(standard; one day)

Disability living allowance (DLA) is the main way of meeting the additional needs of many children yet it is under claimed and hard to understand. This course looks at the DLA rules as they apply to children and considers how to fill in the form to avoid pitfalls and get the best outcome from the outset.

“ **Clear information which can be passed on to people I support** ”

“ **Fantastic afternoon!** ”

## INFORMATION RESOURCES

We have produced the following factsheets for advisers on benefits and tax credits – topics relevant to those working with families with a disabled child.

- ✓ **Benefits for disabled children and their families – a checklist**
- ✓ **Disabled young people**
- ✓ **Welfare reform and carers**

We have also produced a variety of information resources for particular situations for example:

- ✓ **Benefit choices when a disabled young person lives at home and is still in education**
- ✓ **Completing DLA statements for children and young people – suggestions for education staff**

You can download factsheets at [www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/factsheets](http://www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/factsheets)

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## ADVICE LINE

Our **advice line for frontline advisers and support workers in Scotland** offers free, independent, expert, up-to-date advice and information on all aspects of the benefits and tax credits systems. It is for welfare rights advisers, frontline workers, student advisers, social workers, housing workers, solicitors and other advisers in Scotland.

 **Tel:** 0141 552 0552  
(Monday to Thursday 10am - 4.00pm; Friday 10am - 12 noon)

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