Parenting and Disability - Resources

The following are key resources to become familiar with when caring for new parents living with a disability. For ease of use they have been put into the following sections:

- Audit
- Evidence and guidelines
- Attitudes
- Access
- General resources
- Research
- Additional general reading

Audit


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Evidence and guidelines


Royal College of Midwives (2005) Position paper No.11 a ; Maternity care for women with disabilities London R.C.M. available from www.rcm.org.uk/info/docs

Royal College of Nursing (2006) Meeting the health needs of people with learning disabilities; guidance for nursing staff London RCN

Attitudes


CHANGE organisation - an organisation run by people with learning difficulties (2007) available http://www.changepeople.co.uk


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Prime Minister’s Strategy Unit (2005) Improving the life chances of disabled people http://www.strategy.gov.uk


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General Resources


Resource booklets
- From Birth Onwards:
- Planning, pregnancy and birth : a guide for visually impaired parents and professionals
- A guide for visually impaired parents and professionals
- Guide to pregnancy and childbirth for deaf parents
- Pregnancy, birth and early parenthood; a guide for physically disabled parents


The Special Parenting Services in Cornwall http://www.cornwall.nhs.uk/specialparentingservices

Research


Department of Health (2001a) Involving Patients and the Public in healthcare ; Response to the Listening Exercise Opinion Leader research H.M.S.O. London


Disabled Parents Network Telephone: 0300 3300 639 Email: information@disabledparentsnetwork.org.uk Website: www.disabledparentsnetwork.org.uk


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Tarleton B Ward L and Howarth J (2006) Finding the right support; a review of issues and positive practice in supporting parents with learning difficulties and their children
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Disability, Pregnancy and Parenthood 28(32):5-7


Dean P (2003b) Celebrating difference Disability, Pregnancy and Parenthood International No. 45:6-7

Disability Rights Commission (2006b) You can make a difference: improving hospital services for disabled people Stratford upon Avon DRC available from www.drcgb.org/library/publications/health_and_independent_living/you_can_make_difference_imp.aspx


Thompson, TG (2005) Life is about helping each other Disability, Pregnancy and Parenthood International No.50 available online http://www.dppi.org.uk/journal/50/experience.html


Wharton S (2005) Assessing parenting skills when working with parents who are learning disabled Learning Disability Practice 8(4):12-14

Winwood c (1997) Having a baby when you are disabled what to ask Disability Pregnancy and Parenthood International No 20 :5-6

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