Parenting and Disability - Access to information

Women cannot make an informed choice about her choices and care if she does not have the information upon which to base their decision. This information needs to be given clear, comprehensive and unbiased as well as being developed through a collaborative relationship with the parents with the disability.

Do you think the written information you give to parents is clear, comprehensive and unbiased? What about parents with particular needs?

e-tivity 1 (3 hours)

Purpose
To review national guidance on how to produce information for new parents living with a disability.

Task
1) Search for UK based websites that provide guidance which can assist you in producing information for parents with disabilities.

2) In your group select one websites and list at least three key principles that are used to underpin the production of information for at least two different disabilities. Ensure it reflects the role each team member.

3) Post the key points to the...*(Note to facilitator - suggest a discussion board with key headings)*

Respond
Respond to another group’s contribution which highlighted something new you have learned as a result of this exercise.

e-tivity 2 (3 hours)

Purpose
To consider how whether the information that is given within health care services meets the needs to disabled parents.
Task
1) Audit one or two pieces of information you give to parents and reflect upon how this may need to be adapted for
   - Someone with a visual impairment?
   - Someone with a hearing impairment?
   - A parent who uses a wheelchair

2) Ask yourself the following questions:
   - How readily available is a range of materials in your clinical setting?
   - How is your information displayed?
   - Would there be a cost to produce this information in different formats?
   - Does the information meet the standards you identified in the previous activity?

3) Contribute your observations to the…(Note to facilitator – suggest a wiki or blog).

Respond
Comment on any similarities or differences with at least 2 other members of your team.

Now work through the materials which look at the issues in relation Health promotion with disabled parents