

Living together at home

Benefits and allowances

Caring for a child who has special needs can involve extra costs. This section will help you find out about some of the financial support that might be available to you. This is a brief summary only. If you would like more information, you can contact your local Disability Information Advice Line (DIAL) – see Section 5 of this pack for further details, your Citizens' Advice Bureau, the Disability Benefits Helpline on Freephone 0800 882200 or the Disability Alliance Rights Advice Line on 020 7247 8763.

The following publications will also be helpful:

Don't Miss Out: benefits and services for children with disabilities or special needs. The Disability Alliance, April 2003, £4.00. To obtain a copy, call the Disability Alliance Rights Advice Line on 020 7247 8763.

The Disability Rights Handbook published annually by The Disability Alliance (see above) £14.00. This should be available at your local library.

An Introduction to Benefits and Other Financial Help published by Contact a Family. Single copies available free of charge to parents. See Section 5 of this pack for contact details.

Some local Benefits Agency offices have a special needs officer who can offer benefits advice and information to parents of children with special needs. This service is also available to professionals and agencies working with children who fit these criteria.



