



## Section 7.3 Supporting Families with Funding

Around a million families in the UK are raising disabled children

Family Fund, Helping Disabled children

### **Disability Living Allowance (DLA)**

DLA is the main benefit for disabled children under the age of 16. It is there to help meet any extra costs of being disabled. Any ill or disabled child may be able to qualify, even those who don't have a diagnosis. It is not means-tested, so your financial situation will not be taken into account. An application to claim DLA is made by the parent/ carer using their knowledge and information on their child's needs.

The parent/ carer can ask for a printed claim form by contacting the helpline 0800 121 4600 or by the web link <https://www.gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children>.

Cerebra have published guidance for parents on applying for DLA (by joining their mailing list) <https://cerebra.org.uk/download/disability-living-allowance-dla-guide/>.

"Signposting families of children with SEND to relevant support organisations is key to enabling parent/carers and siblings to gain confidence, share ideas and experiences and develop supportive friendships."

Charity support worker for families with children with SEND -South Glos

## **The South Glos Way: A SEND and inclusion toolkit for South Gloucestershire education settings and professionals**

### Further advice and support on funding and charities

Contact a Family <https://contact.org.uk/>

South Glos Parents and Carers [https://www.sglospc.org.uk/-](https://www.sglospc.org.uk/)

The Really Useful Guide (free electronic copy by joining their mailing list)  
<https://www.sglospc.org.uk/publications>

The Family Fund <https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>

Cerebra <https://cerebra.org.uk/>