

Help at Home

Crossroads

Crossroads is a scheme that provides practical support for carers in their home. This is tailored to your specific needs so could be a few hours out or someone to do some cleaning. Not all areas have a Crossroads scheme and some areas are only targeted at specific groups of people.

<http://www.crossroads.org.uk/>

TV Licence

If you live with someone who is blind or severely sight impaired then you may qualify for a 50% reduction on your TV Licence. This includes children who are sight impaired.

Home Start

Home-Start can provide support, a friendly ear and even a break from childcare if needed. Many Home-Start schemes have centres and may also run support groups, toy libraries or advice sessions. You can self refer and all information is treated confidentially.

<http://www.home-start.org.uk/>

Direct Payments

A direct payment is money from your local authority to allow you to buy the care that your child needs rather than have social services organise it. You will need to ask social services to assess your child's needs before you can receive direct payments.

Contact your local Social Services Department for more information

The Family Fund

The Family Fund provides grants to families raising a child with disabilities. The Fund considers application from families whose gross earned income is less than £23,000 excluding overtime and bonuses.

<http://www.familyfund.org.uk/newsite/default.asp>

Disabled Facilities Grant

A Disabled Facilities Grant is a local council grant to help towards the cost of adapting your home to enable you to continue to live there.

Information about how to apply can be found here

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/HomeAndHousingOptions/YourHome/DG_10018283