

Release Communication Intervention Ltd

speech and language therapy
oral motor therapy
early intervention
occupational exercises

Know Your Rights Night for Parents of Children with Disabilities to be held on 28 May

If you have a child with a disability, it sometimes feels impossible to know what you and your child's rights are and what you are entitled to both, in service provision and financial assistance.

Release Communication Intervention in conjunction with Irish Autism Action is holding a Know Your Rights Night, everything you wanted to know, but were afraid to ask, on 28 May from 8:00pm at the Fairways Hotel, Dublin Rd., Dundalk.

Jacinta Walsh, IAA, Information Officer Dundalk Region, will be on hand to present information on Assessment of Need, Education for People with Special Educational Needs Act, Disability Act, what steps you need to follow to get your child a Special Needs Assistant, or Home Tuition etc.

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We hope to have a representative from the HSE present at this event as well.

There will be a Question and Answers segment at the end of the presentation. All members of the public, from every disability sector, are very welcome, with tea, coffee and biscuits to be served.

Release Communication Intervention is a group speech and language therapy programme where parents are 100% included in their child's speech and language therapy in order to empower families with the knowledge in how to bring on their child's communication. Release began working in Dundalk with 100 children aged 0 - 5 in March 2008. They will be opening the programme up to include 6 - 18 year olds in January 2009. www.release.ie

Irish Autism Action was first formed as the Irish Autism Alliance in 2001 by a group of parents who took a public stance in relation to the needs and rights of their children. Irish Autism Action (IAA) is an umbrella body currently representing parent groups across, support groups and schools for those on the autistic spectrum across Ireland.

The main function of the IAA is advocacy on the national stage and we have been successful in raising issues at ministerial levels of government since our inception. We firmly believe, however, that the real strength of our organisation is in the strength of our member groups and we actively empower our membership to achieve better in their local area. www.autismireland.ie

Sé Goulding - Principal officer NCSE and Miriam Hilliard - Senior special educational organisier, NCSE will be talking also.

