

# Employers For Childcare

## Family Benefits Advice Service

Providing free, impartial and confidential advice to parents and carers of children who have a disability or additional needs.



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Our Family Benefits Advice Service can provide free, impartial and confidential advice to parents and carers who have a child with a disability to ensure they are accessing all of the financial support their family is entitled to.

Many families, particularly those with a child or other family member who has a disability or additional needs, struggle financially and find it challenging to work because of caring responsibilities or lack of access to childcare. Many don't realise that - whether they are working or not - they may be entitled to additional financial support and help towards registered childcare costs.

### How we can help

We provide information and advice on a wide range of childcare, financial support and work-related issues including:

- Support with childcare costs through Universal Credit, Tax-Free Childcare, Tax Credits, Childcare Vouchers
- Other welfare payments such as Carers Allowance, Disability Benefits etc
- Maternity/Paternity Leave and Pay & Shared Parental Leave
- Requesting flexible working with your employer
- Other forms of financial support eg Free School Meals or School Uniform Allowance

### We may help you to save money

Many families who sought our advice, with or without childcare costs, were financially better off as a result. Are you sure you are aware of all the benefits or other financial support your family is entitled to?

In 2019/20:

What difference did we make?



Where we identified **financial support** was available for families, the average amount identified was

**£3,499 per family**



In 2018/19 we identified collective financial support of

**£10,400,000**

for families who received a calculation from us



### Information we may need

It would be useful to have the following information to hand when calling:

- Estimated earnings and weekly working hours
- P60 for previous year
- Childcare costs
- Any payments relating to a disability or sickness
- Housing costs including rates
- Details of Maternity Leave and Pay
- Immigration status (if applicable)

For further information, or to arrange a free personal 'better off' calculation for your family, contact us:

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