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FAMILIES AND FRIENDS



My name is Jackie, and I am a parent of a young woman with a learning disability. My daughter is 32, so I have experience of supporting her as she has been growing up and becoming an adult. My daughter lives at home with me, but accesses a number of different activities and holidays so that she can be independent and enjoy things away from her family as well as still living with her brothers and sisters.

I think it is really important that Learning Disability England has a strong voice and includes the views of people with learning disabilities and their families as well as organisations and people who advocate with them.

I have been involved in campaigns such as the Homes Fit for Children campaign, which resulted in changes in the way that the Disabled Facilities Grant was awarded. This took some time and the support of organisations such as Joseph Rowntree Foundation working with families to effect change, which came out of the review by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's office.



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I am also a member of our local parent carer support group of the Learning Disability Partnership Board, which aims to work within the Local Authority to ensure that the views of parent carers inform the Partnership Board.

I worked with Care Coordination Network UK (CCNUK) to develop key worker standards for disabled children and their families.

I understand the process of meetings, and can communicate via e-mail in between meetings, as well as by phone.

I am committed to working with people with learning disabilities to make sure that their voices (and those of their families and the people that matter to them), are heard so they can influence and improve their life opportunities.



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