

CHILDCARE AFFORDABILITY TRAP

New research* shows hardworking mothers of disabled children forced to give up careers

THE CHILDCARE CRISIS MEANS:

Disabled children are missing out on opportunities to play, learn and make friends outside school.

Childminders, nurseries and clubs want to offer quality childcare for disabled children however the need for 1:1 care, specialised skills and higher staff to child ratios mean extra costs and less choice for mothers

Welcome measures such as tax free childcare and extra help under Universal Credit will help some, however they don't tackle the extra costs faced by families with disabled children.

contact a family
for families with disabled children

Contact a Family is calling for:

1. An increase in the upper limit of eligible childcare costs for one disabled child to £300 per week under working tax credit and Universal Credit.
2. A national disability childcare fund to develop a skilled workforce and increase the supply of childcare places for disabled children



£ £ Families with disabled children pay **8 times more** towards childcare costs compared with other families

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'I want Rosy to be included in a mainstream after-school club or holiday playscheme, so she can go with her brother who does not have special needs. I have to find private provision prepared to take her and then look for a support assistant to go with her... which makes it expensive.'

Hannah, mum of 7-year-old Rosy who has autism and learning disabilities

* Based on 2,056 responses in May 2014