

## **Disability Living Allowance for children**

If your child has extra care and/or mobility needs as a result of a disability, you could get DLA for them: an allowance to help cover the costs of their additional needs.

### **Care needs**

Your child has 'care needs' if they need help with 'bodily functions' e.g. eating, washing, dressing and going to the toilet or some social activities. They must need more care and attention than other children of the same age. They could also need extra help because of mental health issues.

### **Mobility needs**

Your child has mobility needs if they cannot walk outdoors without guidance or supervision. This might apply if your child is blind, has difficulty walking or if they have severe learning difficulties or behavioural problems.

If your child gets DLA, you may also qualify for Carer's Allowance and/or the Motability scheme.

### **How much does DLA cost?**

There are two parts of DLA - one for care needs and one for mobility problems. You can get either or both. The amount you get depends on the level of support needed. The amounts change slightly every April.

### **How do I make a claim?**

Phone the Disability Benefits Centre on 0345 712 3456 for a claim form. You will need medical evidence to say why your child's needs are different than another child without their health issues & what extra care they need.

### **Challenging decisions**

If you disagree with the decision made you must dispute this within 1 calendar month of the date on the decision letter.

### **For further help & advice contact;**

- The Citizens Advice Bureau: 08444 771 171.
- Worthing Homes financial inclusion co-ordinators Jan & Jo on 01903 703110
- Turn2us (benefits & grants charity) [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)

**If you, your partner or child receives DLA, you will be exempt from the benefit cap.**