

## Every Disabled Child Matters campaign

NEW ACTION: [Email David Cameron against cuts for disabled children](#)

The aim of the Every Disabled Child Matters (EDCM) campaign is to get rights and justice for all disabled children and their families.



EDCM works with its partners throughout the children's sector to lobby government to ensure that disabled children and their families receive the services and support they need to live ordinary lives.

### About the campaign and how to get involved

EDCM wants Westminster and local government to:

- Give disabled children and their families new rights to the services and support they need to lead ordinary lives.
- Invest in new resources to make sure these rights can become a reality. This will be achieved through funding to sustain, embed and build on Aiming High for Disabled Children.
- Give disabled children and their families a new level of priority, and work with them to improve the services they receive.

Every Disabled Child Matters was established in September 2006 by four organisations working with disabled children and their families - [Contact a Family](#), the [Council for Disabled Children](#), [Mencap](#) and the [Special Educational Consortium](#).

Sense is a member of the Council for Disabled Children and of the Special Educational Consortium.

You can find out more about EDCM [on their website](#), which lists the ways of campaigning that you can get involved in.

### News update

EDCM has just launched its Local Authority Disabled Children's Charter, which asks local authorities to sign up to 11 commitments for disabled children, young people and their families.

This new charter replaces the existing Local Authority Charter that nearly 100 councils signed up to, and reflects new policies and duties that affect local authority services for disabled children. There is more information about the new Charter on the [EDCM website](#).

### Take action

The Government plans to cut in half a vital benefit for low income and out of work families with disabled children. This cut will not take the overall benefit bill down, but will increase child poverty amongst families with disabled children.

[Email the Prime Minister](#) asking him to abandon the 50 per cent cuts to benefits for families with disabled children.