

Children and families

- [Tackling sleep difficulties in children - Spring 2009](#) Many children that Sense works with have severe sleep difficulties and their families often struggle to cope. Sleep deprivation can take a serious toll on children's development and shatter the wellbeing of their families. HILARY TODD explores an issue that, at last, is coming into the light of day.
- [Coping with other people's reactions to your disabled child - Summer 2005](#) Most families with a disabled child say that one of the most difficult things is dealing with other people's reactions. Sarah Butler explores our complex responses to disability.
- [The challenges that families face - Summer 2004](#) Families of children with multiple impairments are ordinary people, getting on with extraordinary lives, as they tell Sarah Butler.
- [Special brothers and sisters](#) From the Spring 2003 issue. The siblings of children with special needs have to cope with all sorts of different experiences. Francesca Wolf reports on the challenges faced by siblings – and how they can be helped to meet them.
- [A voice for fathers](#) From the Summer 2001 issue. Having a disabled child in the family places particular pressures on fathers. Francesca Wolf reports.
- [The anxiety that never goes away – caring for special children](#) From the Spring 1999 issue. All parents expect to care for their children. But parents with severely disabled children face a very different situation – not for them the joys of watching their children take measured steps towards independence. How does caring for special children affect parents' lives?
- [My deafblind child is now a deafblind adult. What does that mean and what does that make me?](#) From the Winter 1997 issue. Norman Brown, parent and Sense Specialist Adviser (Congenital Deafblindness), powerfully describes the range of emotions and issues he experienced as his son, Stephen, moved towards adulthood and greater independence.
- [Staying together – Summer 2010](#) Antonia Chitty and Victoria Dzwson have been researching how parents of children with special needs can protect their own relationship.

Related Links

- [Publications about education for children and young adults](#)

The issues and options available for deafblind or MSI children.

- [Useful publications for families](#)

Services and support for families dealing with deafblindness.

- [Information about communicating with deafblind people](#)

Factsheets and leaflets on communication and sharing information with deafblind people.

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