



Ohana

Spring 2026 Newsletter

"Ohana means family. Family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten."

Ohana is for young care experienced parents.

We offer the opportunity to build new, positive relationships in three different ways: **Ohana Support Group**, **Ohana Champions**, and **Lifelong Links**.

February Half-Term Little City Event

Ohana invited parents and children to an exciting role play adventure with entertainment from Little City. This was well attended, with 38 parents and children, who all had a great time!



Ohana Parents attend National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum



Ohana Parents attended the National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum on 13th March and presented to Leaving Care Teams, sharing their experiences and thoughts on good practice, and the positive impact of Ohana on their wellbeing.



Visitors to Ohana Parent Support Group

On 5th March, Margaret Street from the Library Service joined us for a fun session at Ohana! She gave out books and vouchers from the Book Trust to celebrate World Book Day.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY



Jo from the Family Centre joined us to chat to the Ohana Parents about how the service can support Ohana families. Jo also gave out some vitamins for the Ohana children.



Please get in touch via Ohana@hertfordshire.gov.uk if you would like to discuss joining us for a session!

Thank you from Foodshed!

Foodshed have thanked us for our ongoing generous donations! If you would like to make a donation, you can leave items in the donation basket in Farnham House reception.



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Ohana Champions Update

Ohana Champions were invited to a Cream Tea on Tuesday 24th March at Stevenage Garden Centre.

Although our 2025-26 recruitment drive is now over, we will be holding a fast-track training session in May and will be recruiting again later in the year.

To become an Ohana Champion, please complete an Expression of Interest by scanning our QR code:



If you'd like to chat about the Ohana Champion role, please contact us at Ohana@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Ohana Easter Music Event



Ohana invited care-experienced parents and their children to an Easter-themed event on 2nd April! Hertfordshire Music Service encouraged Ohana families to get involved in musical activities, including Easter-themed sing-alongs, trying different instruments, and a Sound Garden for children of all ages. There was also an Easter egg hunt and themed crafts!



New Ohana team member!



Hey! I'm Lauren and I joined Ohana full time on 1st April. I've been helping out with Ohana for almost 2 years as I think it's such an amazing project, so moving over to the team was an easy decision for me.

I have worked with children in care age 4-16, and care leavers 18-25 for over 8 years, and I'm very passionate about the work I do. I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone more and hearing any ideas/suggestions you have for Ohana.



Save the dates for summer!

Half-Term Pottery Event
28th May - 11am-1pm



Splashlands Event
30th July - 11am-1pm

Exciting Summer Event
13th August -
Details to follow



Ohana Support Groups

DJ's Play, St Albans (AL4 9LP)

All sessions take place between 11:45am - 2:00pm

30th April

18th June

14th May

2nd July

4th June

16th July

Bedwell Community Centre, Stevenage (SG1 1NA)

All sessions take place between 10am - 12 noon

7th May

25th June

21st May

9th July

11th June

23rd July



2026 Ohana Online Support Sessions

All sessions take place every other Friday between 10:30am - 12 noon

1st May

12th June

15th May

26th June

29th May

10th July

To find out more information about Ohana, contact Fionna on **07866 224876**, Lauren on **07718 186467** or Bev on **07749 778756**, email ohana@hertfordshire.gov.uk, or visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ohana

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