



Dominique from the Centre for excellence for looked after children in Scotland came to speak to the parenting network

She talked about what support for parents with learning disabilities should be like



The network told Dominique that good support for parents should



Give early access to advocacy and support

For example, before a child is born



Use clear communication and information



Understand that families are the best at knowing what support they need



Allow for good relationships with staff



Repeat important information



Make sure staff in health and social work treat all parents and families the same



The network told Dominique that good support should avoid



Staff with little understanding of parents needs



Staff who are not honest



Short term support which is provided when something goes wrong



Difficult to understand child plans



Advocacy only when there are child protection concerns



Only thinking about childrens needs and not parents needs



Not thinking about other things that effect parents and families