



LAURA HOWARD

CASE MANAGER

Laura is a qualified teacher and Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCo) with a degree in Psychology.

Prior to her teaching career which began in 2015, Laura worked with children and adults with mental health needs and learning disabilities in a variety of settings. These include several years as an Outreach Practitioner for the National Autistic Society, a MIND Cymru Support Worker, a care officer in a children's residential setting and as a Life Skills Instructor at the Adolescence to Adults Life Preparation Services (AALPS) College.

Laura is a positive, friendly and compassionate professional with the ability to forge lasting relationships with children and their families. Through both personal and professional experience, she understands the impact and challenges of raising a child with additional needs and is committed to achieving equity and inclusion for those with diverse need. She is an experienced leader and coordinator of MDT's and enjoys working collaboratively with families, and professionals. Laura is well used to dealing with highly emotive and sensitive situations in a calm and compassionate manner, listening and communicating often difficult messages.

As you would expect, Laura is an able assessor with excellent written and verbal communication skills. In a voluntary capacity, Laura is Director of Seren Dwt, a not-for-profit organisation that provides support to families who have children with Downs syndrome.

KEY SKILLS

- Knowledge and experience of the Additional Learning Needs Act (Wales)
- Experience of working with children with a wide range of complex needs
- Working with children with challenging behaviours
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Strong leadership skills with the ability to motivate and inspire others
- Ability to monitor the effectiveness of interventions and support
- Establishing a rapport with clients and their families and providing ongoing support
- Coordinating and managing an MDT
- Working creatively and collaboratively across sectors and services

QUALIFICATIONS, REGISTRATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Psychology degree (BSc Hons); accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS)
- Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
- BABICM Member