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FINGAL COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE

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Friday, June 20th, 2025

FCCC

provides various helpful resources for services and parents on our website at https://fingalcountychildcare.ie/ .

We continue to post up to date training, events & news https://www.facebook.com/fingalcountychildcare/.

Remember to Like, comment and share our page to be updated with relevant information.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **25 June 2025:** Closing date for the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF)
- **31 July 2025:** QIPP Report Template recommended completion date

Let's Get Ready

My Little Library 2025
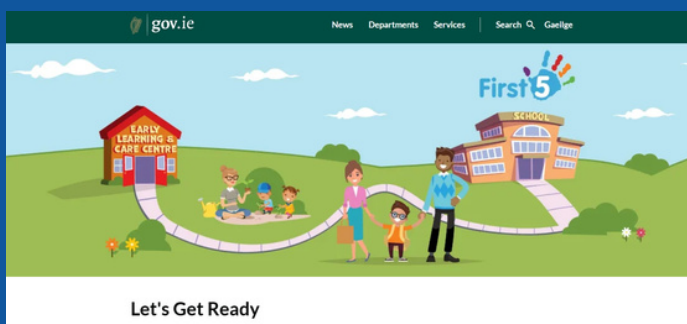
NOTES FROM FCCC

UPDATED CURRICULUM FOR INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND YOUNG CHILDREN RELEASED.

Ministers Norma Foley and Roderic O'Gorman announced the updated Aistear curriculum framework for early childhood education, effective September next year. Originally launched in 2009, Aistear supports the learning and development of children from birth to six, aiding parents, childminders, and educators.

Press Release

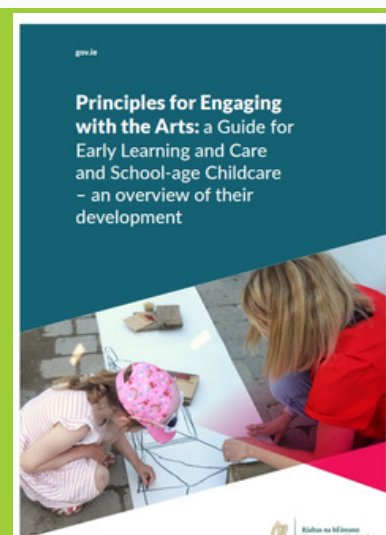**MINISTER FOLEY ANNOUNCES €500,000 IN FUNDING FOR NEW RECREATIONAL SPACES FOR TEENAGERS**

NEW GARDA VETTING PROCEDURE

Garda Vetting for the Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School Aged Childcare (SAC) sector

Press Release

NEW GUIDE TO FOSTER ARTISTIC CREATIVITY IN YOUNG CHILDREN LAUNCHED BY MINISTERS FOLEY AND O'DONOVAN.

Principles for Engaging with the Arts: a Guide for Early Learning and Care and School-age Childcare – an overview of their development

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2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

Book Now

JUNE

Mon, 9th	DEI	DOC offices, room 201	book here
Wed, 11th	DEI	DOC offices, room 201	book here
Wed, 11th	Heyley Rice Webinair	online	book here
Sat, 14th	DEI	Boardroom	book here
Wed, 18th	Equal Start Info Session	online	book here
Wed, 25th	Aistear Workshop	DOC offices, room 201	book here
Sat, 28th	Everyday Spaces	DOC offices, room 201	book here

JULY

Wed, 2nd	Aistear workshop 2 (EVE)	DOC offices, room 201	book here
Thu, 3rd	Critical Incident Training	online	book here
Tue, 8th	Core funding 1-2-1 clinic review/support	DOC offices, room 501	book here
Wed, 9th	Core funding 1-2-1 clinic review/support	DOC offices, room 501	book here
Thu, 10th	Governanc for community services boards & managers	online	book here
Tue, 15th	DCU STEM visit	DCU campus	book here

AUGUST

Mon, 11th	SAC /NCN training	DOC offices, room 201	book here
Sat, 23rd	ACF Training for ELC and SAC services	DOC offices, room 201	book here
Sat, 23rd	PRT for Childminders	DOC offices, room 501	book here

SEPTEMBER

Wed, 10th	ECCE & CCSP Compliance Session	online	book here
Mon, 15th	DEI	DOC offices, room 201	book here
Wed, 17th	DEI	DOC offices, room 201	book here
Sat, 20th	DEI	DOC offices, room 201	book here
Wed, 24th	NCS Compliance Session	online	book here

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Aistear
Creatchuraclam na Luath-Óige
The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

DON'T miss it!

BLOGS LINKS:

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Aistear
Creatchuraclam na Luath-Óige
The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

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Exploring the Updated Aistear 2024
Training for Managers/Room Leaders and Tusla registered Childminders in the Fingal Area

FCCC will host a full-day training to explore the key updates to Aistear
The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework (2024)

With the new Aistear set to launch in September 2025, we have begun distributing the updated framework. They are available for pick-up at the office, but we kindly ask you to inform us in advance.

FCCC is offering 1-hour in-person support sessions (up to 4 people per slot) with a FCCC team member on the following topics:
Core Funding Application, NCS, ECCE Fee Table, Parent Statement.
Sessions are available on July 9th and 10th at the Digital Office Centre, Balheary Industrial Park, Swords, CO. Dublin, Eircode: K67 E5A0. To book, click here. Early booking is encouraged as slots are expected to fill quickly. For queries, contact karen@fingalcountychildcare.ie.

Year 4 Core Funding updates
Following the recent announcement by Minister Foley on the changes to Year 4 Core Funding (2025/2026), the 'What's new for Partner Services in Core Funding Year 4 2025-26' document as well as other support documents are available on HIVE and through the following link; Core Funding Q&A

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What's new for Partner Services in Core Funding Year 4?

June 2025

Download the checklist to simplify your documentation process.

Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) Programme Readiness Checklist 2025

Community Childcare Subvention Plus (CCSP) Programme Readiness Checklist 2025

National Childcare Scheme

Core Funding Programme Readiness Checklist 2025

Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Programme Readiness Checklist 2025

2025/2026 Programme Readiness
Programme readiness tasks for Core Funding, ECCE, NCS & CCSP Saver are now available for completion on HIVE. All guidance and support documents are available in the Resources section of HIVE. The Announcements issued on 6 June & 9 June also contain links directly to the specific support documents including programme checklists.

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QIPP Report Template 2024/2025

QIPP report template 2024/2025 is now available for completion on www.cfcrrs.ie . Services are strongly encouraged to complete the end-of-year QIPP report by Thursday 31 July 2025. The final deadline for completion is Tuesday 30 September 2025. A QIPP Technical Guidance Video: How to Complete a QIPP Report is available here

Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Level 5 Equipment Journey Infographic

An Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Level 5 Equipment Journey Infographic is now available under the Help & Support section on the Early Years Hive. The infographic provides a snapshot of the journey of AIM Level 5 Equipment.

Early Years Digital Portfolio Project

The **Early Years Digital Project** (EYDP) is a European Erasmus+ + project. It aims to give early years educators the tools to easily and effectively share information with parents about their children's progress in early years settings. It is based on Pedagogical Documentation developed in Emilia Reggio and has been adapted in many ways in different countries. However, it is little used in Ireland.

Project partners are based in Portugal, Italy, and Romania, and the project is informed by the differing practices in each country. In Ireland, ULS (Universal Learning Systems) is the project partner, with Steve Goode, Imelda Graham, and Alan Bruce conducting the research and development. Resources developed include:

1. **Handbook on Pedagogical Documentation:**
Welcome to the "Early Years Digital Portfolio" EYDP project

2. **Online training course which provides lots of useful information and examples of how to introduce Pedagogical Documentation into the Early Years Sector**:
Welcome to the "Early Years Digital Portfolio" EYDP project

3. **The first iteration of the Digital platform is now available**. They are starting to develop ways in which it can be used to develop Pedagogical Documentation: EYdigifolio

The Project Team are inviting early years educators to look at the online training programme that has been developed so that they can make any final adjustments and make it useful and beneficial to all early years educators. An evaluation form of the online training programme can be found at:
Welcome to the "Early Years Digital Portfolio" EYDP project

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Childminder meet up

Are you childminding in the Fingal area or thinking of becoming a childminder? FCCC invites you to a childminder meet up for a coffee and a chat. Come along and meet other childminders in Fingal. Our Childminding Development Officer will be there to answer any questions you may have.
Tuesday 15th July 6.30-7.30pm
Digital Office Centre
Balheary Industrial Park
Balheary Road
Swords
Co Dublin Eircode: K67E5AO
To book your place click here

www.gov.ie/childminding

Tusla Early Years' Inspectorate — Early Years Registration Renewal

CIP Critical Incident Plan — Toolkit for Childcare Providers

Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice

NATIONAL CHILD SAFEGUARDING PROGRAMME for Early Learning & Childcare Services

CHILDREN'S SERVICES REGULATION — Reasonable Adjustment Policy — Children's Services Regulation

CHILDMINDERS

New Childminding Regulations
- Registration requires completing Pre Registration Training.
- Interested individuals should fill out an Expression of Interest form online or scan the QR code.
- TUSLA help desk - 061 440600

Are you a childminder or thinking of becoming a childminder?
contact our dedicated CMDO Sarah for support and information
sarah@fingalcountychildcare.ie
0874485558

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The Fingal CCC has launched an interactive **JOBS BOARD** on their website to aid recruitment in the ELC Sector. Employers can easily post job vacancies by clicking on the jobs board tab and filling out a form without needing to log in. Jobs will be live for 30 days before being archived.

SERVICE CLOSURES STEPS:

1. Inform FCCC via email to info@fingalcountychildcare.ie
2. Complete the Cessation of Services form for Tusla – click **here**
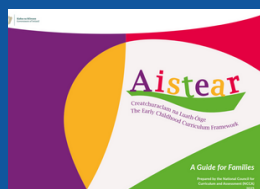3. Inform Pobal & make any necessary changes to registrations on the HIVE.

If an approved provider closes its ELC service or stops providing a DCEDIY childcare program, written notice must be sent immediately to the local City/County Childcare Committee and the Data Management Team through the EY HIVE by selecting "User Account Management," then "How to," and "Closures." FCCC will follow up with individual services upon receiving the notification.

PARENTS' BOARD
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SUMMER CAMP

This isn't just any camp — it's a safe, supportive, and joyful space designed to meet your child exactly where they are.

Whether your child is sensory-seeking, shy in new environments, or needs a gentler pace to thrive, our small group, therapeutically-informed program is built to support them in feeling seen, safe, and successful.

What to Expect:
- Play-based, therapeutic activities
- Social stories & emotional regulation tools
- Gentle routine, visual supports & structured transitions
- Educators with neuro-affirming mindset and trained in child care and play therapy
- A focus on connection, co-regulation on confidence

Why families love it:
- Builds emotional resilience & communication
- Encourages creativity and self-expression
- Fosters friendships in a safe, supportive setting
- Helps kids practice coping skills through fun & play

Our camp welcomes all children:
- Who are non-speaking, or prefer non-speaking communication options
- Who can get overwhelmed easily by noise, change, or social situations
- Who may need extra support with emotional regulation
- Who are not toilet trained

JULY & AUGUST Mondays to Thursdays
10am–1pm
€160 per week
Donabate, Co Dublin

Book online

Join Our Free Transitions from Pre-school to Primary School Sessions!

SCAN ME

JUNE 30 TO JULY 4 AT 10AM AND 7.30PM

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Aistear A Guide for Families

This family guide helps families understand how Aistear: the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework supports learning and development for babies, toddlers, and young children in early childhood settings.

My Little Library 2025

Parents! Is your child making the big jump from pre-school to primary school?

Your child can collect a free My Little Library Book Bag from your local library. We have lots of books and resources for you!

First5 | Libraries Ireland

Save on your childcare expenses by applying for NCS.

THE NATIONAL CHILDCARE SCHEME

Apply

Choosing a childcare service

Download the Childcare&me app HERE

Supporting Parents

Childminding Services

CHILDCARE SERVICE SEARCH

PARENT & TODDLERS

AistearSíolta Practice Guide

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