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**FINGAL COUNTY
CHILDCARE COMMITTEE**
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Friday, June 27th, 2025

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

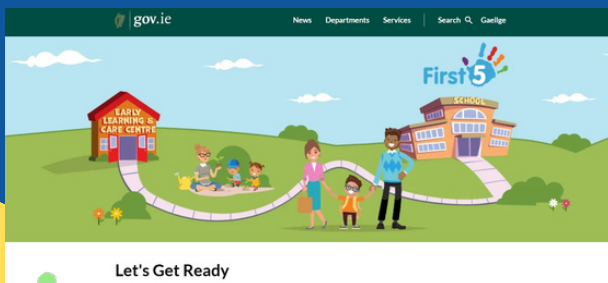
We continue to post up to date training, events & news
<https://www.facebook.com/fingalcountychildcare/>.

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



- 31 July 2025: QIPP Report Template recommended completion date

IMPORTANT DATES



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.



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

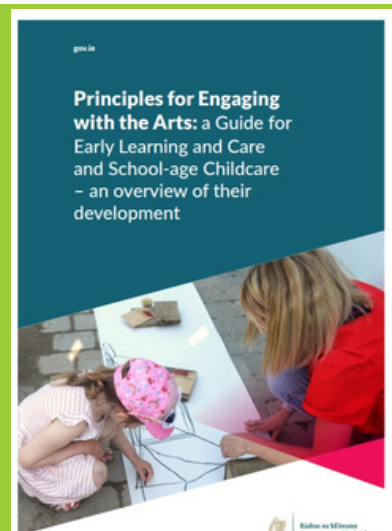


NEW GARDA VETTING PROCEDURE

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



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



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2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

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	Governance for community services boards & managers	online	book here
Tue, 15th	DCU STEM visit	DCU campus	book here

AUGUST

Mon, 11th	SAC /NCH 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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**Free Entry
WEBINAR**

**TRAINING: CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE
FOR EARLY YEAR'S SERVICES**

Fingal County Childcare Committee will be providing
an information sessions on Critical Incident
Response training.

Date
Thursday, July 3rd

Time
3:00pm - 5:30PM

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BOOK YOUR PLACE

All Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School Age Childcare (SAC)
services are required to have a service level Critical Incident Plan as
outlined in the Tusla Quality and Regulatory Framework (QRF) and
the National Quality Guidelines for School Age Childcare Services.

Email: info@fingalcountychildcare.ie

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**Early Years Inspectorate -
Childminding Services**

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Critical Incident Plan

Toolkit for Childcare Providers



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Aistear
Creachturacram na Luath-Oige
The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

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Aistear
Creachturacram na Luath-Oige
The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

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](#)



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 Readiness Checklist 2025	Core Funding Programme Readiness Checklist 2025	Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Programme Readiness Checklist 2025
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Important Notes • If a session holds less than 6 ECCE eligible children, the service must get an approved Minimum Numbers Exemption form from ECCE. This can be located under the Programme Documents section on Early Years Hive • Review ECCE programme rules. • Review Compliance checklist.	Important Notes • No new registrations can be submitted for children who weren't previously registered on 12 March 2020 • Children must start within 4 weeks of the service re-opening for the new programme year to remain on the scheme.	Important Notes • Parent/guardian applying for NCS must have a verified MyGovID • Guide parent/guardian to NCS website and application guide in order to support the process. • Advise parent/guardian of the Parent Support Centre available on 01 506 8530	Important Notes • Partner Services who submit their 2025 Core Funding Application Module prior to the 31 August, will have their time slot re-opened for the 2026 programme year at their approved August Review and Confirm. • You must activate your NCS Funding Agreement before activating your Core Funding Partner Service Funding Agreement.	Important Notes • AIM Plus can only be applied for on ECCE payable weeks only. AIM Non-can can only be applied for on non-payable ECCE weeks. • AIM Level 4 applications can take up to 4 weeks to process. • AIM Level 7 applications can take up to 12 weeks to process. • Please make sure to submit AIM applications within the suggested time. • AIM Standard and AIM Plus sessions cannot overlap.

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.

**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](#)

AIM Plus & Non-term Applications

AIM Level 7 Plus & Non-term applications will open for applications on Monday 30 June. Pobal will release further information and guidance on that date.

The application process for the Core Funding 2025/2026 program opened on June 9, 2025.

Applications can be submitted via the Core Funding Application page. Approved Partner Services from the May Review can auto-populate their application using information from the previous year. After submission, there is a 21-day window to activate the Core Funding Partner Service Funding Agreement; failure to do so will result in application cancellation. Additional support and training materials are available in the Help and Support section of the Early Years Hive.

Early Years Services must renew their registration every three years. Applications can be submitted up to six months before expiration but must be completed at least two months in advance. This renewal process ensures ongoing regulation and assures parents and the public of the safety and welfare of children in these services.

Tusla Early Years' Inspectorate

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Early Years Registration Renewal

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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: K67E5A0
To book your place click [here](#)

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Department of Children, Disability and Equality

 National Action Plan for Childminding 2021-2028
www.gov.ie/childminding

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

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EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

Early Years Inspectorate
Regulatory Notice

QIPP Reference	170-00001-1
Version	1.1
Issued	February 2025
Title	Definition of Employment in a School Age Service
End	03/25

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Child and Family Agency

NATIONAL CHILD SAFEGUARDING PROGRAMME
for Early Learning & Childcare Services

TUSLA
CHILDREN'S SERVICES REGULATION

Reasonable Adjustment Policy
Children's Services Regulation



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.

http://



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.

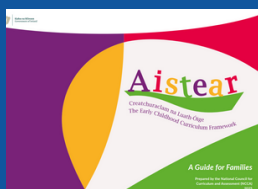
If an approved provider closes its ELC service or stops providing a DCEDIY childcare program, written notice must be sent immediately to the local City/County Childcare Committee and the Data Management Team through the EY HIVE by selecting "User Account Management," then "How to," and "Closures." FCCC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

PARENTS' BOARD

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Disability, Integration
and Youth



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.



**Save on your
childcare expenses
by applying for NCS.**



Choosing a childcare service



Download the
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**Childminding
Services**

CHILDCARE SERVICE SEARCH

Aistear Síolta
Practice Guide



**PARENT &
TODDLERS**



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