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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/>.

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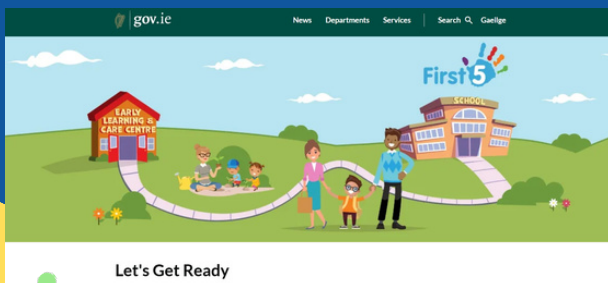
**FINGAL COUNTY
CHILDCARE COMMITTEE**
COISTE CÚRAIM LEANAÍ CHONTAE FHINE GALL

Friday, July 4th, 2025



IMPORTANT DATES

- 7th July: ECCE 2025/26 Registrations open
- 11 July 2025: AIM 2024/2025 closing date (see below for further information)
- 31 July 2025: QIPP Report Template recommended completion date



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

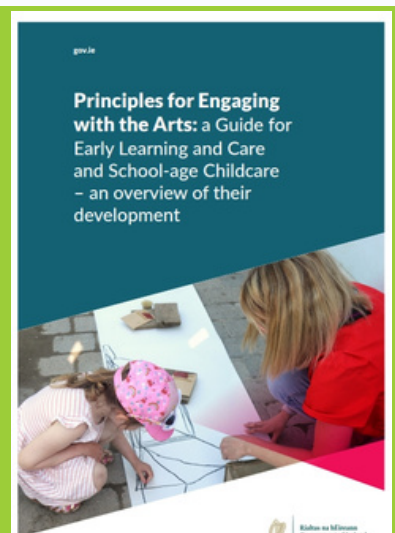


NEW GARDA VETTING PROCEDURE

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.





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

AUGUST

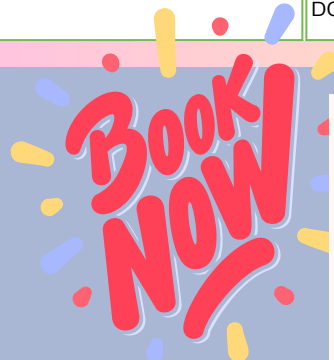
Mon, 11th	SAC /NCON training	DOC offices, room 201	book here
Sat, 23rd	ACF Training for ELC and SAC services	DOC offices, room 201	book here
Sat, 23rd	PRT for Childminders	DOC offices, room 501	book here

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

OCTOBER

Wed, 15th	AIM Supports (Heyley Rice)	online	
Sat, 18th	ACF for ELC and SAC	DOC offices, room 201	
Sat, 18th	PRT for Childminders	DOC offices, room 501	



You're Invited! Early Years STEM Workshop at DCU St Patrick's Campus

Dr Sandra O'Neill will facilitate a workshop Empowering educators through collaborative STEM workshop for hands-on learning and innovative teaching strategies in ELC/SAC settings

Date : 8th July
Time: 9:30 -13:00

Venue: DCU St Patrick's Campus
Booking through eventbrite





Aistear
Creatchuraciam na Luath-Óige
The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

DON'T miss it!

BLOGS LINKS:

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Aistear
Creatchuraciam na Luath-Óige
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.

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FCCC will be offering programme readiness clinics in the Digital office centre swords,

We aim to allow 4 people with 1 hour time slots and support from a FCCC team member. We can support with Core Funding application, NCS, ECCE fee table & parent statement. We expect this to be popular and ask you to put your preferred time and date for booking a session. We will do our best to accommodate a time that suits you.

What's new for Partner Services in Core Funding Year 4?
June 2025

Together for Better
Early Learning and Childcare

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 (NCS) Readiness Checklist 2025

Core Funding Programme Readiness Checklist 2025

Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Programme Readiness Checklist 2025

Important Notes:

- If a session has less than 8 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:

- Parents/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 01 906 8530

Important Notes:

- Partner Services who submit their 2025 Core Funding Application Module prior to the 31 August, will have their base rate capped for the 2026 programme year at their approved August Review and Confirmed.
- You must activate your NCS Funding Agreement before activating your Core Funding Partner Service Funding Agreement.

Important Notes:

- AIM can only be applied for on ECCE payable weeks only. AIM Non-term 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 supported time.
- AIM Standard and AIM Plus sessions cannot overlap.

NCS subsidies require a registered CHICK and parental confirmation of details on the NCS parent portal. Review unconfirmed claims and request confirmation from parents as needed. All claim weeks for a child must be confirmed for payments to process, indicated by a 'No' under the 'All Claims Confirmed by Parent?' column. If 'No' is displayed, an older claim may still need confirmation. For questions, contact the Early Years Provider Centre (EYPC) through the Early Years Hive.

YOUR Early Years hive SNAPSHOT
30 June 2025



The **ECCE 2024/2025 programme call will end on 11 July 2025**. Please ensure all **AIM applications are submitted prior to the closure of ECCE**, as applications submitted after the closure will not be processed. Any AIM applications that are at a status of 'Draft' or 'Referred Back' will be deactivated when the ECCE 2024/2025 programme call closes. Please review any Referred Back applications and resubmit with the required action before 11 July 2025.

For children availing of AIM support for the 2024/2025 programme year who wish to avail of AIM Non-term over the summer period, please ensure an AIM Non-term application is submitted before the programme call closure and outline dates in which AIM Non-term support is required.

Alternatively, if you have already submitted an AIM Non-term application and did not include the required summer dates, please submit a 'Change of Circumstances' review to add the relevant dates.

Please note, a child will not be eligible to avail of Non-term for the summer period where an AIM Standard application has not been submitted prior to the closure of ECCE.

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.

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PREPARING FOR YOUR 2025 REGISTRATION RENEWAL WITH TUSLA'S EARLY YEARS INSPECTORATE

01.

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You must have a complete application submitted **2 months before the expiry** of current registration date.

02.

Registration renewal can be made up to **6 months in advance** of current registration date.

03.

Apply for updated **Garda vetting** in a timely manner. Remember new vetting process may take extra time.

04.

Submit a **Change in Circumstances** application **PRIOR** to registration renewal if any details on register need to be updated.

05.

If your current registration expires your **service will be removed from the register** and a **full and new registration** will be required **90 days** prior to reopening.

Welcome to Nurturing Skills

This website is your central hub to find information on how the Government is supporting your profession, how you can advance your skills, how you can plan your career and how you can enter the profession.



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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TUSLA

NATIONAL CHILD
SAFEGUARDING
PROGRAMME
for Early Learning &
Childcare Services

TUSLA
EARLY YEARS
INSPECTORATE

Early Years Inspectorate
Regulatory Notice

CDMS Reference	110-00011-1
Version	1.1
Issued	February 2025
Title	Definition of Employment in a School Age Service
Ref	001/25

TUSLA
An Chomhairleacht um
Leasú agus an Tíreaghlach
Child and Family Agency

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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Department of
Children, Equality,
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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Fingal County Childcare Committee.



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