



# Newsletter

## Fingal County Childcare Committee

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#### NOTICE FROM PIP PORTAL 24 July 2017

#### Publication of the revised ruleset for DCYA childcare funded childcare programmes (ECCE, CCS/P/R/T and TEC)

#### ***N.B. For the attention of all childcare providers***

The document *DCYA Childcare Funding Programmes – Information and Frequently Asked Questions* will be replaced with *DCYA - Rules for DCYA Childcare Funding Programmes* for the 2017/2018 delivery cycle.

The new document as with the old document forms the basis for PIP's structures and for Pobal's management of provider interactions, including compliance. The document has grown organically over recent years as programmes changed evolved and developed. The *Information and FAQ* document has presented challenges around clarity around the requirements which has frustrated both providers and programme oversight functions. It has also been very tied to process rather than principle.

The changes to 2017/2018 programmes – substantial increases in subvention rates and the introduction of a CCS Universal payment - made it timely to undertake a review of how DCYA presents and communicates programme requirements.

This document represents a considerable overhaul in terms of presentation and style. The development of the new ruleset took place under the following guiding principles:

1. The ruleset would not substantively affect the current programmes. They would be constructed to clarify and reinforce existing arrangements.
2. The ruleset would be separate from operational guidance documents (How-to guides, compliance guidelines, financial guidelines)
3. The ruleset would follow a logical, concise and accessible structure.
4. Rules would be, as far as possible, firm, definitive and not open to interpretation in meaning, scale or measurement.
5. The document would be iterative, any changes would be communicated to all stakeholders, but the core document would be where the changes occurred. All other parties would link to the document and not download it to their own websites.

All services are asked to familiarise themselves with the rules. Local CCCs will be on hand to provide support as required. DCYA will review feedback from the CCCs and other stakeholders on an ongoing basis to ensure that the document is fit for purpose and meets its primary purpose which is to ensure that everybody has a clear understanding of the programme need. All feedback will be considered and reviewed. [LINK TO DCYA PROGRAMME RULES 2017/2018](#)

### **PIP Announcement**

- The deadline for entry into the funded schemes is 11 August 2017.
- If a provider has a large increase in numbers of ECCE children for September this number must be emailed to FCCC by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Please ensure that the name of the service and DCYA reference number is included in the email.
- Service calendar must be completed for each programme before the service can register children under the schemes.
- The fees list and calendar submitted by providers is to be displayed in the service and **not the parent letter**
- Effective Date for CCS is 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017
- Bank Holidays are pre-populated on the calendar
- CCSR is for 60 weeks and it will be backdated to 28 June

### **AIM - Access and Inclusion Model (Programme) - Applications for 2017/18**

If you have an ECCE child currently attending or due to start in your service in September 2017 or January 2018 that you feel might benefit from additional supports then you need to consider making an application to AIM immediately. To make enquiries you can phone AIM at 01 - 5117222 or email [onlinesupport@pobal.ie](mailto:onlinesupport@pobal.ie). For further information on the AIM programme, please visit [www.aim.gov.ie](http://www.aim.gov.ie)

### **AIM & PARENTS**

FCCC is committed to ensuring that the parents and providers in the Fingal area are kept informed of national policy affecting children and their welfare. Since the AIM programme was introduced in 2016 we regularly receive phone calls from parents seeking support for their child in early year's settings. In response to these calls we are in the process of organising AIM Information Sessions for parents outlining the supports available under the programme. These sessions will focus on the who, what, why, where and when of AIM, the differing needs of children and the levels of support that can be accessed, the importance of parents working with providers in accessing AIM supports and the role of other supporting agencies for children with additional needs. AIM can work with parents and providers in advance of a childcare starting participation in the ECCE scheme.

It is proposed that these sessions will take place late August and early September in Swords, Balbriggan and Dublin 15.

We would ask you to let your parents know of these upcoming sessions and if further information is required by parents they can either phone FCCC at 01 - 4851727 or see AIM website [www.aim.gov.ie](http://www.aim.gov.ie)

## **Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Training**

FCCC are currently offering EDI training during August in Balbriggan (12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August and Dublin 15 19<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> August & 6<sup>th</sup> September). There are a limited number of places available for each venue. To book a place at either of these sessions please ring 01 - 8451727 for further information

FCCC will be running Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training every month from September to December in Balbriggan, Dublin 15 and Swords. Information on training dates and venues will be sent to you via email, also on FCCC facebook page and website [www.fingalcountychildcare.ie](http://www.fingalcountychildcare.ie)

## **Child Protection Refresher Training**

***Are you aware that your Child Protection Certificate may have expired!*** If you or a colleague participated in Foundation Child Protection Training through a Childcare Committee in 2013 or 2014 then you are required to undertake a 3 hour certified Child Protection Refresher Training course. This refresher training is an opportunity to renew your certification before it lapses otherwise you will be required to attend the full 6 hour Foundation training course.

Priority for forthcoming CP Refresher training is currently being given to those who did the foundation CP training through a Childcare Committee in the years 2013 and 2014. FCCC will contact these services directly by email as training is being rolling out.

## **AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE SCHEME**

Due to demand FCCC is facilitating a FREE Information Session on the affordable childcare scheme on

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August in Tyrellstown Community Centre from 6-8pm**

The aim of the session is to give an overview of the new DCYA Affordable Childcare Scheme and answer your queries and listen to your views.

Full details and a Booking Form will be sent to all providers by email. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. No bookings will be taken over the phone.