



Newsletter

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AIM Application Process for September 2018/2019 pre-school year

For children who are currently receiving AIM supports and are eligible to avail of a 2nd year of the ECCE programme from September 2018

If the child is eligible and is returning to the same pre-school setting for a second year and circumstances have not changed, services in receipt of AIM Level 7 supports must submit a 2nd year extension request for all eligible children. This request can be submitted via the AIM tab on the PIP Portal and is available from **Thursday 26th April**.

If the child who is currently availing of AIM supports is moving to another pre-school in September 2018, a new AIM application has to be made by the new pre-school provider in conjunction with the parent(s). This application process will open on **1 May 2018**.

New AIM applications for children eligible for the ECCE programme for the first time from September 2018 where AIM supports are required, the pre-school provider, in conjunction with the parent(s) should make an application for AIM by completing an Access and Inclusion Profile. This application process will open on **1 May 2018**.

To apply for a child's 1st year Level 7 support a service request must be included in the submission of a Level 4: AIM Application. This application form can be accessed via the AIM tab on the PIP Portal and will be available from Tuesday 1st May. Please contact onlinesupport@pobal.ie if you require any support in the submission of your application.

Apply early!

Applications should be made as early as possible to ensure that the relevant supports are in place when required.

DCYA FUNDED PROGRAMMES 2017/2018 – Programme Support Payment

The process to apply for the above payment is now live and accessible on PIP.

DCYA FUNDED PROGRAMMES 2018/2019

DCYA has announced that programme readiness and How to Guides for the 2018/2019 programmes year are now available on PIP. To ensure that you are participating any of the Programmes you will need to ensure that certify the following

- 2018/2019 Contract(s) Certification
- PAU (Primary Authorised User) Certification
- Service Fees List(s)
- Service Calendar(s)

DCYA FUNDED PROGRAMMES POBAL COMPLIANCE

Pobal have brought to our attention several issues in relation to services being non-compliant as follows:

- Parent Fee Letters and Parent Declaration that have not been signed by parents
- Errors on the Fee Policy List(s) must be amended and submitted on PIP immediately
- Higher Capitation – services not advising Pobal when there is a change of staff
- Attendance lists not being maintained – children **must** be signed in and out of the service
- Children registered on incorrect service type e.g. child registered as part-time being regularly collected early. Early collection on an ad hoc basis is not an issue

- ECCE Minimum enrolment – if a service fails to meet the minimum enrolment requirements they must contact FCCC immediately to apply for an exemption.

If your service has been deemed non-compliant for any reason or you foresee difficulties in meeting the requirements of the programmes please contact FCCC immediately for support.

DCYA ECCE Programme – Prioritisation of ECCE Places September 2018

Several parents have been in contact with FCCC regarding 2018/2019 registration of children in sessional services. It has been stated by these parents that some sessional services are giving priority to parents that sign up for Optional Extras which may include the Extra ½ hour per day. The rules of the programme clearly state that a sessional provider cannot prioritise children whose parents choose to pay Optional Extras. This is in breach of the terms and conditions of the ECCE programme contract therefore indicating non-compliance that may affect payments. FCCC sought clarification from DCYA and Pobal on this matter.

ECCE Recognised Qualifications

The DCYA Recognised Qualifications list is presently being updated and will be available to providers in the near future. *You are reminded that the person who holds the qualification must apply for the inclusion of the qualification on the list **NOT** the service provider.*

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

Dublin City Childcare Committee is offering a Data Protection Information session on 14th June in the Ashling Hotel. Booking through Dublin City Childcare Committees Eventbrite page <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/data-protection-workshop-tickets-46363925750>

Data Protection Workshop - 14th June 2018

Ashling Hotel, Kilmainham Suite

Registration 6.15 pm, Workshop 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

EDI Training

There are still places left on this training (15 hours). The dates below are the **final** dates that we will be offering. Attendance at each session is required.

Please note: "Participation in the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion training programme is not mandatory for pre-school practitioners. However, participation is strongly encouraged by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs as completion of this training will assist pre-school providers to deliver an inclusive pre-school experience, which is the cornerstone of AIM."

Venue	Dates	Time	√
EDI - 58 Castlelands Community Centre Balbriggan Co Dublin	Saturday 16 th June 2018 Wednesday 20 th June 2018 Wednesday 27 th June 2018 Wednesday 4 th July 2018	9.30am to 4.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm	
EDI-41 Crosscare Main Street Blanchardstown Village Dublin 15	Monday 18 th June 2018 Monday 25 th June 2018 Monday 2 nd July 2018 Monday 9 th July 2018	2.00pm to 8.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm	

Booking Forms are attached to the email advertising training dates.

To secure a place you must forward a completed booking form Fingal County Childcare Committee to sile@fingalcountychildcare.ie or by post to

Fingal County Childcare Committee

Omega House, Collinstown Cross, Swords Road, Co Dublin



ReCreate have introduced a new membership plan which will run for a limited time throughout Summer 2018. New memberships will now run for 18 months. This offer will provide more value for your money. Once you have signed up, you are free to visit the Warehouse of Wonders as often as you wish until the end of 2019! Joining in May/June will also see you receive 19 months Membership with ReCreate for the price of 18!

ReCreate collect unwanted and excess materials from businesses, and offer them back for Creative Reuse to members of the service. In pre-school settings the materials used support Aistear, the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework by provoking thoughts, questions, interests, and ideas that are child-led. Holistic development is also enhanced as the tactile nature of the materials contributes to the sensory, emotional, intellectual and creative enrichment of the young child.

To enquire about membership, you can contact Kevin at kmcloughlin@recreate.ie or 01-4568798

CCSRT (Community Childcare Subvention Resettlement Transitional)

As part of the “Rebuilding Ireland – an Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness”, DCYA launched a special provision under the current Community Childcare Subvention Programme entitled CCSR(T), which provides access to free childcare for children of families experiencing homelessness. The provision provides subvention for all pre-school children aged 0 to 5 inclusive and 6 to 12 year olds during the school holidays only. The scheme is also designed to help those transitioning from homelessness to permanent accommodation. All services that are in contract for CCSP can register children on CCSRT.

What do parents need to provide?

Parents should provide a verification letter which is available for parents from Focus Ireland in the Dublin region and from local authorities outside of Dublin. The prescribed letter must be attached to the registration under the Parent Eligibility Info section.

Programme rates

A different payment rate is attributed to each type of placement:

- i. For part-time childcare over 5 days per week, a flat rate of €160 per week will be paid in relation to each child attending under CCSR(T), for the eligible duration of their childcare place. A daily meal must be provided for each child, the cost of which is included in the subvention rate.
- ii. For sessional childcare over 5 days per week, a rate of €87.50 will be paid in relation to each child attending for the eligible duration of their childcare place. A daily meal is also to be provided for each child, the cost of which is included in the subvention rate.

Once the child is registered and approved for CCSR(T) funding, the service will receive a minimum of four weeks’ funding for the child from the start date of the child’s attendance.

If there is non-attendance for two weeks or more, the relevant service must end-date the child on the PIP registration system. The childcare service will receive two weeks’ funding in lieu of notice. If the child leaves on or after the third week of attendance, the service shall receive the minimum one month’s funding plus two weeks’ notice in lieu, giving a total of six weeks payment. All services must report leavers through PIP.

If the child’s place is no longer needed or the child has not attended for two weeks or more, the funding will cease. The childcare provider will receive two weeks’ funding in lieu of notice.

Parents cannot be asked to make any financial contribution towards their child’s childcare cost. For more information on the CCSRT strand or if you have a parent enquiring about the scheme please contact the FCCC office at 01 4851727 or email info@fingalcountychildcare.ie

The contact details have changed in relation to the Focus Ireland representatives:

Niamh Lambe	childcareinformation@focusireland.ie	086 8386832
Laura Young	childcareinformation@focusireland.ie	087 3666380
James Donnelly	childcareinformation@focusireland.ie	086 813563
Grainne Finnegan	childcareinformation@focusireland.ie	087 1744592

If they are unavailable you can call 017036100 the landline for a Focus Ireland member

Centralised Email Address

A centralised email address has been established for Childcare Services to contact Focus Ireland representatives directly if there is availability within their services for children to avail of CCSRT childcare funding.

This email address is: childcareinformation@focusireland.ie

The childcare service may email Focus Ireland directly if a place becomes available for a child to attend within the CCSRT programme, within the email please include the following details:

Name of Service:

Address of Service:

Contact Details:

Number of Places available:

Age group of place/s:

Day/s available:

Sessional or Part time place/s: