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2018/2019 ECCE Fees List & Calendars

As you are aware all CCC's were directed by DCYA & Pobal to approve 100% of all ECCE Fees' lists & calendars. We must remind you any changes to Fees list or calendars throughout the year must be approved by the FCCC. Service must amend their ECCE fees list or calendar and resubmit on PIP. Failure to do so will lead to a non-compliance with Pobal. Please note, four weeks' notice of any change to ECCE Fees list must be given to parents. Where ECCE Fees list has been revised, amended fees list letter must be issued and signed by the parents/guardians for the service's files.

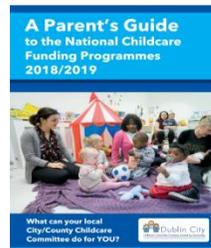
TEC & CCSP Mid-Term Top-ups

It's coming up to that time of year again, when some of your afterschool children who are participating on any of the TEC Programmes may need full-time care over the October mid-term break. This process is carried out through PIP using the child's original registration. Please refer to the TEC 'How To Guide' available on the Programme Information Tab on your PIP home page.

For children who are participating on CCSP for afterschool care, their original registration will have to be put as a leaver and a new registration for the October mid-term will have to be made and then a new registration for their return to afterschool care after the mid-term will have to be made again.

Parent's Guide to the National Childcare Programmes 2018/2019

The new Parent's Guide to the National Childcare Programmes is available from the FCCC offices if you would like to collect some for your services. Please contact the office @ 01-4851727 to arrange collection.



Parent & Toddler Grant Initiative 2018

Congratulations to the Parent & Toddler groups throughout Fingal who were successful in their funding applications through the 2018 P&T Grant Initiative. Parent & Toddler groups are a great way for parents, grandparents & childminders to meet other people in their area with children of the same age. A full list of groups operating throughout Fingal is available by contacting the FCCC Offices on (01) 4851727 or email info@fingalcountychildcare.ie

Contracts

Please be aware that if you want to participate in a particular strand of funding that you may have participated in before then you must activate the contract on your PIP system and complete the necessary Fee's list & calendars. If at any stage throughout the year you want to participate in a funded programme that you are not currently participating in you can complete an Additional Programmes Application form by contacting the FCCC Offices on (01) 4851727 or email info@fingalcountychildcare.ie

Aistear Siolta Practice Guide Workshops

Fingal County Childcare Committee has always focused on ensuring that early year's providers in Fingal are kept informed of matters that influence high quality provision and practice for the sector. FCCC emailed a survey as part of our training audit for 2018/2019 to all providers earlier this year. Based on the needs and concerns identified by childcare providers in the survey we are facilitating workshops on 'Aistear Siolta Practice Guide Workshops'. The purpose of these workshops is to focus on different Siolta Standards and how these standards relate to Aistear.

Session 1: Increase knowledge and understanding of Siolta standards 1, 3, 4 & 5 and how they connect with Aistear and consider how you are currently implementing these standards and what you may do to further enhance practice

Standard 1 - Rights of the Child

Standard 3 - Parents and Families

Standard 4 - Consultation

Standard 5 - Interactions

Session 2: Increase knowledge & understanding of Siolta standards 2, 6 & 7, how they connect with Aistear how you are currently implementing these standards and what you may do to further enhance practice

Standard 2 – Environments

Standard 6 - Play

Standard 7 - Curriculum

Management Session: Will focus on standards with particular relevance to Managers and Management Teams

Standard 4 – Consultation

Standard 8 - Planning & Evaluation

Standard 9 – Health & Safety

Standard 10 - Organisation

Standard 11 – Professional Practice

Standard 12 - Communications

Standard 15 – Legislation & Regulation

| DATES | TIME | Siolta Standards | Venue |
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| Saturday 10 th November 2018 | 9.30am – 11.30am | Management Session: Standards 4,8,9,10,11, 12 & 15 | The Riasec Centre, Feltrim Road, Swords, Co Dublin |
| | 12.00 noon – 2.00pm | Session 1: Standards 1, 3, 4 & 5 | |
| | 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Session 2: Standards 2,6,7 | |
| Wednesday 14 th November 2018 | 5.00pm – 7.00pm | Session 1: Standards 1, 3, 4 & 5 | The Riasec Centre, Feltrim Road, Swords, Co Dublin |
| | 7.00pm – 9.00pm | Session 2: Standards 2,6,7 | |
| Thursday 22 nd November 2018 | 6.00pm – 8.00pm | Management Session: Standards 4,8,9,10,11, 12 & 15 | Blanchardstown Library, Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 |

Places will be limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. There is a maximum of 30 participants per session. To secure a place you must forward the booking form that was emailed to all services together with €10 per session per person in cash or cheque made payable to: *Aistear Siolta Practice Guide Workshops*, Fingal Childcare Committee, Omega House, Collinstown Cross, Swords Road, Co Dublin.

Refreshments of tea, coffee & biscuits provided per session.

Outcomes of Budget 2019

€89m has been secured for additional investment in childcare in 2019. This brings the total investment in childcare to €574m.

The additional €89m broadly comprises the following:

- Increased funding to childcare schemes including CCS and Affordable Childcare Scheme €61.0m
- Costs associated with delivery of new and existing schemes €10.5m
- Restoration and increase to Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) funding €10.5m
- Increase to existing Programme Support Payments €1.4m
- New, once off, Programme Support Payment for ACS €2.0m
- Capital increase €2.0m
- Childminding initiative €0.5m
- Increase to Inspectorates €0.6m
- Other policy initiatives €0.5m

A main element of the Budget 2019 childcare measures includes enhancement to the Affordable Childcare Scheme, to be introduced late next year. The increase from the originally proposed higher threshold of €47,500 net, to €60,000 net, means that some families with a gross income of €100,000 will now qualify for targeted subsidies. This is a progressive approach which builds upon the successful implementation of a range of measures introduced in Budgets 2017 and 2018 that have seen record take up.

Improving access to the existing childcare schemes has been a central aim of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs over the past year and this work has led to record numbers accessing all childcare schemes. Almost 200,000 children across the State are now accessing free or subsidised early years and school age childcare. The enhanced budget in 2019 will allow for these numbers to rise further.

For the full press release go to www.dcy.gov.ie/documents/press/20181010_Budget2019DCYAInformationPack.pdf