



Wexford CYPSC News and Resources Update

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For information on services and supports for children, young people and families see
www.wexfordcypsc.ie.

For information on supports for parents, see Wexford Parents Hub at
www.wexfordcypsc.ie/wexford-parents-hub and on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/wexfordparentshub/.

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PARENTING

► Wexford Parents Hub



Wexford Parents Hub is identifying needs and gaps that exist throughout Wexford both rural and urban around parenting support and education. We connect with professionals and parents on a weekly basis. The Parents Hub improves and increases access to supports, enhances parent skills and increase parent's capacity to support their children's development. The Hubs helps parents secure supports they need when faced with challenges in an easily accessible 'One Stop Shop' where we can sign parents up to a parenting programme, signpost them to their local services or refer them on for extra support to PPFS.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page 'Wexford Parent's Hub' and our section on the Wexford CYPSC Page @ www.wexfordcypsc.ie/wexfordparentshub and our calendar of parenting programmes on both of these or by phone **0539236343** or email wexfordparentshub@barnardos.ie.

'There is no wrong door'

Parenting Support Mentor: Karen Mooney, Barnardos

Linda McCann, PPFS Tusla

► Parenting Today : Forthcoming Talks



► **Home Schooling** - "Feeling overwhelmed by homeschooling? Worried about how best to go about it? Join the homeschooling talk where you will learn to identify and manage homeschooling worries as well as gain practical advice and tips on how best to motivate your child and support their mental health and wellbeing during this difficult time"

Friday, February 19, 7pm via Zoom- booking details to be announced shortly.

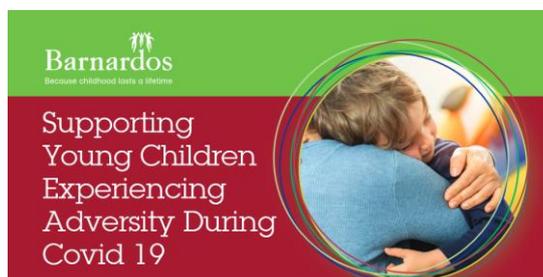
► **Strategies and supports for Children with Additional Needs in Early Years** -Wexford Libraries YouTube channel on Thursday 25th February at 8.00pm. It will be available to view at any time after this date.

► **Developmental Checks and Care for babies at 3 months and 9 months +, with Wexford Public Health Nurses**-Thursday 4th March at 8.00pm on Wexford Library YouTube channel. It will be available to view at any time after this date.

To view forthcoming "Parenting Today" talks and access previous talks, go to

<https://www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries/parenting-today-online-series>.

► Barnardos Resources and Webinar on Supporting Children Experiencing Adversity During Covid-19



► Printed Resource on Supporting Supporting Children Experiencing Adversity During Covid-19

Barnardos have published a new resource for early years services to support young children experiencing adversity during Covid-19. The publication gives information on;

- The impacts of Covid-19 on children
- Children and stress
- The importance of relationships
- Providing for play
- Supporting children with their behaviour
- Supporting the development of resilience
- Emotional regulation
- Observation and documentation
- Links to further resources

The link to this publication is here : <https://www.barnardos.ie/media/10658/barnardos-supporting-children-facing-adversity-during-covid-19.pdf>

► Webinar on Supporting Children Experiencing Adversity During Covid-19

Supporting Young Children Experiencing Adversity During Covid 19 is a recorded webinar that gives early years educators an understanding of the kinds of stresses and challenges children and their families may be experiencing in their everyday lives and the impacts these have on children's wellbeing, learning and development. It also outlines ways you can fully support the child while they are in the setting.

Please note that this webinar is for information only and there is no certificate awarded. Find more information on Supporting Young Children Experiencing Adversity During Covid 19 [CLICK HERE](#) . To access Supporting Young Children Experiencing Adversity During Covid 19, Please click the button below using the **Passcode**: g4LsY9X%

[Webinar Access](#) **Please note that this webinar is for information only and there is no certificate awarded.*

FOSTERING FORTNIGHT

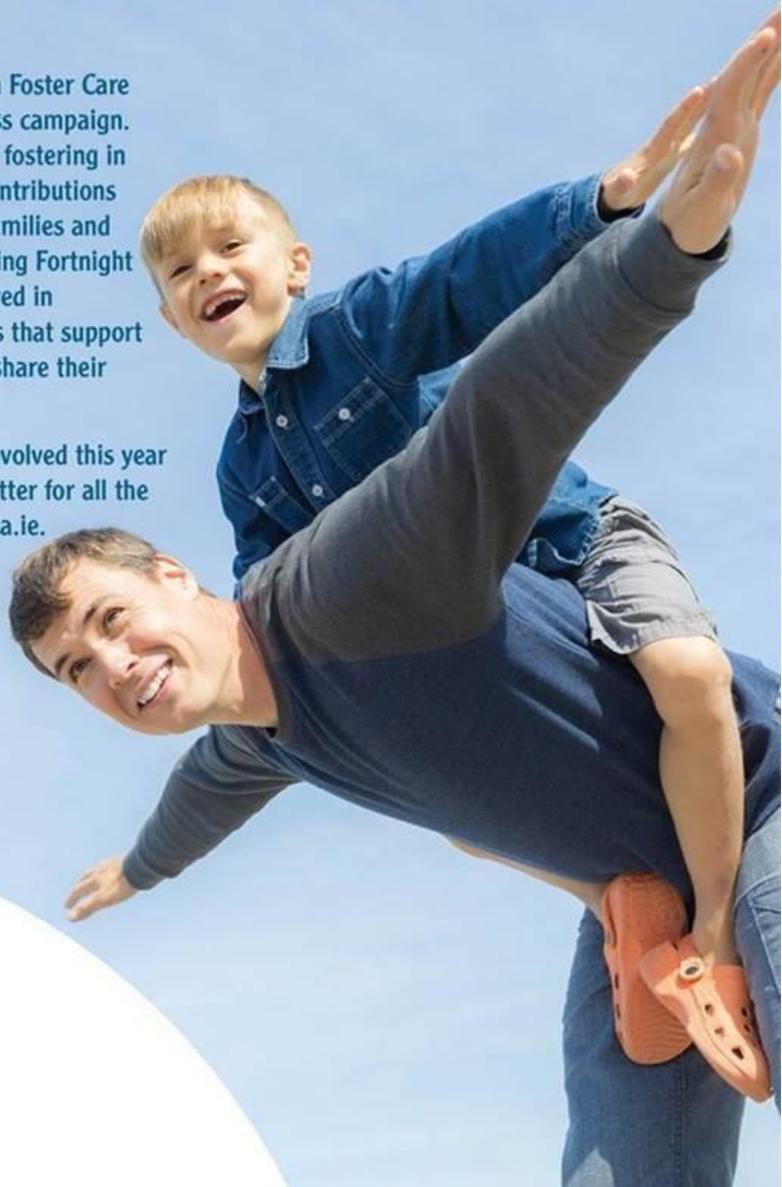
1st–14th March 2021

Fostering Fortnight is the Irish Foster Care Association's annual awareness campaign. We aim to bring awareness to fostering in Ireland and all the valuable contributions made every day in fostering families and fostering communities. Fostering Fortnight is a chance for all those involved in fostering and the communities that support them to tell their stories and share their experiences.

To find out how you can get involved this year follow us on Facebook and Twitter for all the latest updates or visit www.ifca.ie.

You can contact us on
T: 01 459 9474 or
admin@ifca.ie

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[#fosteringfortnight](#)
[#bepartofit](#)



► Supporting Children Campaign



Dear Colleagues,

The Department will shortly be re-launching the Supporting Children campaign in light of intensified COVID-19 restrictions.

[Supporting Children](#) is a campaign developed by DCEDIY to support vulnerable children, young people, and their families in challenging times. It was first launched on 19 June 2020, highlighting the range of services and supports in place and the innovative responses this sector was making to meet the needs of vulnerable groups across a range of service areas, from Child Protection and Welfare to Education Support, Parenting and Family Support, and others.

The campaign is designed with two purposes. It encourages all of us to look out for vulnerable children whose lives and supports have been severely disrupted during the current pandemic. It also spotlights our [Supporting Children](#) website, pointing to a wide range of information detailing supports for children, young people and families across six key areas. This information campaign has been updated based on service user feedback from the initial phase. We are also working with Tusla to ensure the campaign information is presented in an accessible and useful format.

Supporting Children is funded under What Works (www.whatworks.gov.ie). The campaign recognises the serious impacts both the pandemic and associated restrictions are having on the most vulnerable in our society and aims to demonstrate and harness the available supports that are in place.

As colleagues working in a wide variety of sectors, with professional organisations, agencies and children, young people and families, we would appreciate your assistance in ensuring that this message is disseminated and amplified as widely as possible. I would be grateful if you would highlight the Supporting Children campaign and promote the key messages through your own organisation, professional networks and communication channels. In this

second Supporting Children campaign, and especially in the current climate, we would like to ensure maximum coverage and reach of this messaging so as to indicate that the collective system is attentive and responsive to the needs of children at this critical time.

The relaunch of Supporting Children is scheduled for Wednesday 3 February and this campaign will be rolling out on radio, social media and through digital advertising thereafter. Finally, we will be continuing to update the Supporting Children website throughout the campaign. If you have important updates to services or resources for families, I would be delighted to add them to the relevant area of the website. We would be particularly keen on any videos, graphics, or visual resources which would be helpful.

Kind regards,

Denis Ryan

Tusla Programme Development and Cross Government Framework Unit

► Tusla Early Years Inspectorate Reports on Early Years Inspection Process



The Tusla Early Years' Inspectorate has published three reports detailing the findings from early years' inspections, and parents' views on inspections.

The three reports include:

- Tusla Early Years' Inspections – Parents' Consultation.
- Early Years' Inspection Reports 2018-2019, Analysis and Trends.
- The Early Years' Regulatory Enforcement Process – Outcomes.

'Tusla Early Years Inspections - Parents Consultation' presents the findings of a consultation which sought parents' views about Tusla early years' inspections, and how their views might be included in the inspection process. This will, for the first time, provide a way for parents to share their positive experiences of their child's service and to contribute to the inspection process in a meaningful way.

Based on this, the Inspectorate has taken a number of actions to increase parents' awareness and involvement in inspection activity:

-A new parent feedback process has been developed to allow parents to share either positive feedback or concerns about the service by completing our [parent/guardian feedback form](#) and emailing parents.feedback@tusla.ie. The feedback will be shared with providers and any significant concerns received can trigger an inspection.

- The inspectorate is now actively inviting parents to express their level of satisfaction with the service. When an inspection takes place, a poster will be displayed in services notifying parents that the service is being inspected and inviting parents to give feedback.

- Information leaflets for parents have been developed and published on Tusla's website [here](#)

-The date of the last inspection is now published on the Tusla website with inspection reports so parents know within the month that an inspection has taken place.

Speaking about the reports, Fiona McDonnell, National Service Director, Childrens Services Regulation, Tusla, said:

“The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate is committed to delivering a participative service and listening to the voice of parents and children. This research has helped us to design and target effective inspection processes to support the participation of parents which ultimately will inform service provision and positively impact children.”

Additional resources have been developed to assist parents’ when choosing an early years’ service and to improve their understanding of Tusla’s role in the inspection process, which is available on the [Tusla website](#) and will be distributed to service providers once it’s safe to do so.

Two further reports- ‘**Early Years Inspection Reports 2018-2019, Analysis and Trends**’ and ‘**Early Years Regulatory Enforcement Process**’ form part of Tusla’s on-going commitment to commissioning research into its regulatory functions and providing open and transparent services.

Tusla undertook extensive research into its early years’ inspection processes by analysing early years’ inspections carried out over a two-year period, from January 2018 to December 2019 along with a trend analysis of findings from 2017 to 2019. Tusla also conducted a review of its regulatory enforcement processes which shows that inspection have a positive impact in improving levels of compliance with the regulations. Both these reports present the extent to which pre-school services were in compliance with the regulations and identifies key issues or trends arising in respect of noncompliance.

The three research reports are available on the Tusla website [here](#)

The Tusla website has also been redesigned to make it more accessible for Parents and Guardians, see [here](#)

STUDENT SUPPORTS

► ISSU Information Campaign and Resources for those Studying at Home



Dear CYPSC Coordinator,

We are the Wexford Regional Officers, Quinton Kelly and Ellen Curran, writing to you on behalf of the Irish Second-level Students Union.

Following the recent government announcement in relation to the continuation of education during level 5 restrictions, the ISSU understands that there is a lack of clarity and sense of confusion amongst the Irish student body. As a way of combating this confusion, the ISSU is conducting an information campaign.

This includes:

1. A summary of the recently released remote teaching guidelines
2. A list of students' online education rights
3. Guides to various platforms
4. Template email to assist students in contacting teachers
5. A guide to an effective online learning space

All of these resources are available at our online learning hub at issu.ie/online-learning-hub. We have also included access to the summary of the Department guidelines and the Charter of Student Rights within this email.

We are writing to you to ask if you would be willing to aid us in sharing these resources in order to reach as many students and schools as possible. In particular, we would greatly appreciate it if you would share these resources with all the youth projects or organisations in your network, and ask them to ensure students are aware of the information. As your organisation has a large reach within the community and with young people, we would be grateful if you could promote the online learning hub to students in your network and the wider community. Should you have any questions or require any further information please don't hesitate to get in touch,

Go raibh maith agat,, **ISSU Wexford Regional Officers**

WEBINARS

► Webinar : “Bringing the Family Together -The Challenges of Family Reunification for Immigrant Families Settling in Ireland

Dear colleague

We wish to invite you to South Leinster Citizens Information Service’s webinar: “Bringing the Family Together -The Challenges of Family Reunification for Immigrant Families Settling in Ireland” which will take place on **Thursday 25th February, 2021 from 10am to 1.30pm.**

I attach the programme for your information and you will also receive our webinar pack after you have registered.

To register go to: <http://fundraisingeverywhere.com/slscisfamilyreunification>

Please feel free to share this invitation to other staff members in your organisation.

If you have any questions about content, or would like to find out more about us please contact one of the following on the Webinar Organising Team:

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This is a free event.

Thanks to our sponsor, the Citizens Information Board, for funding and supporting this webinar.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Webinar Organising Team

South Leinster Citizens Information Service

Bringing the family together: The challenges of family reunification for immigrant families settling in Ireland

Date: Thursday 25th February, 2021

10:00-10:15	Introduction & Citizens Information Centre Advocacy Case Study	Anne O'Brien Martina Cronin
10:15-10:30	Syria to Wicklow Video	-
10:30-10:45	Syria to Wicklow Journey	Hayat Aiselman
10:45-11:00	Learning from a Resettlement Project – Somali Families in Arklow: A View of Resettlement, Reunification and Integration	Sally Daly
11:00-11:15	Break	-
11:15-11:30	Understanding the Needs of Displaced Families and their Transition to Resettlement in Ireland	Ahmed Hassan Mohamed
11:30-11:45	Meeting the Information Needs of Migrants – a Citizens Information Perspective	Gerelyn McGary
11:45-12:00	Invisible People: The Integration Support Needs of Refugee Families Reunified in Ireland	Azad Izzeddin
12:00-12:15	Break	-
12:15-12:30	Somali Arklow Video	Faysal Muse Mohamed
12:30-13:00	Conclusion	Anne O'Brien

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