



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

**Weekly
Newsletter
9th to 13th
March 2026**

National News

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Local News

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Jobs Board

Please email all job ads to mary@cavancce.ie

You can see all the up to date vacancies on our website here:

<https://cavancce.ie/jobs-board/>



Deadlines and Important Dates

25th March:

Communities of Professional Practice
Understanding Big Behaviours

31st March:

Closing date for submission of year 3 Core Funding Trial Balance

15th April

The Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) - Online Info Session

15th April

Childminding Development Grant 2026 application closes

1st May

Applications close for Nurturing Skills Learner Fund



Cavan Staff Retention Survey

This survey has been initiated by the Board of Cavan County Childcare Committee to assess the impact of staff retention within early learning and care and school-age childcare services across County Cavan.

The overall findings will support the ongoing work of Cavan County Childcare Committee and will be compiled into a report for submission to the Department of Children, Disability and Equality.

We kindly ask you to take the time to complete the survey carefully and accurately. Your input is greatly appreciated and will contribute to strengthening early learning and childcare services across the county.

All responses will be fully anonymised and collated for analysis.

[Please take the time to complete this survey here](#)

Communities of Professional Practice Understanding Big Behaviours

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Taking place here in our office.

A Communities of Professional Practice helps to embed quality practice in your service, by sharing learning and connecting with others.

This practical, evidence-based workshop draws on 30 years of experience, play therapy insights, and the latest neuroscience research to help staff understand why children behave the way they do and respond in ways that truly support their emotional and social development.

Participants will gain:

- Understand behaviour as communication learn why children act the way they do and what they really need.
- Use brain-based and play therapy strategies practical tools to calm, connect, and support children.
- Build staff confidence and resilience

The workshop is interactive and highly practical, with real-life scenarios, role play, and strategies staff can use immediately in their setting.

LAST REMAINING PLACES CLICK HERE!!!

Always Children First Training

The Always Children First Foundation training aims to create an awareness of Child Protection and Welfare issues in the Early Years sector. The aim of the training is to help participants understand how to safeguard children and report Child Protection and Welfare concerns.

This is a six hour programme - this programme is facilitated by trainers from Cavan CCC in our office

Tuesday 26th of May, in the office from 1.30pm to 8pm. **Limited places available!**

[You can book here.](#)

**NATIONAL CHILD
SAFEGUARDING
PROGRAMME**

for Early Learning &
Childcare Services



The Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) - Online Info Session

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 7:00 PM

Taking place online.

Information session for Providers

Cavan and Monaghan County Childcare Committee along with the Better Start AIM Team will host an on-line information session for providers interested in finding out more on the AIM programme.

The session will take place online through Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 15th April 7pm - 8.30pm

[Click here to register your place](#)

Core Funding Financial Reporting Requirements for 2024/25

All Partner Services who received Core Funding during the 24/25 Programme Year are required to engage an accountant to submit a full Trial Balance for Year 3 of Core Funding. The CFCRRS portal opened on Friday, 27 February and will close 31 March 2026.

Supporting documents are available [here](#).

QIPP Report Template 2025/2026.

The Core Funding QIPP Report Template 2025/26 is now open on the CFCRRS Portal. The deadline for completion of the 2025/26 QIPP Report is Friday, 31 July 2026.

Childminding Development Grant 2026

On 9th February, Norma Foley, Minister for Children, Disability & Equality, announced the opening of the 2026 Childminding Development Grant. The grant application window is from Wednesday, 11th February to Wednesday, 15th April 2026.

For further information about the Childminding Development Grant 2026, including the application form, visit Cavan County Childcare Committee or contact Orla McKeon at omckeon@cavanccc.ie / (049) 4365856.

Nurturing Skills Learner Fund 2026/27

Applications for the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF) for the academic year 2026/2027 opened on 10 March 2026. NSLF aims to assist early year's educators to pursue early learning and care (ELC) qualifications at level 7 and level 8 that have been approved by the Qualifications Advisory Board (QAB) while continuing to work in the sector. Applications are submitted via the NSLF student portal. Register on the NSLF student portal by sending a request to NSLF@pobal.ie. The portal will close for applications on 1 May 2026 at 5 pm.

A training session on the NSLF Registration, Employment Record and Student Application will be held on 19 March 2026 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. To register follow the link [here](#). A recorded training webinar is now available on the [Early Years Hive](#) and the NSLF Student Portal, along with the PowerPoint slides from the training sessions.

Students who successfully received NSLF funding for the Academic Year 2024/2025 and/or 2025/2026 and wish to continue to receive NSLF funding for 2026/2027 will be contacted directly in early summer asking individuals to verify their continuing eligibility for NSLF. Once eligibility is confirmed a new letter of Conditional Funding will issue to the student for the Academic Year 2026/2027.



St. Patrick's Day Autism Social Story

Attached please find a St Patrick's Day Autism Social Story developed by Flourish Autism Consultancy and Training which may be useful in supporting Autistic children across the early years setting. Further complimentary Autism resources are available [here](#) and www.littlepuddins.ie

Water Safety Ireland Survey

Water Safety Ireland is currently undertaking an independent evaluation of the Hold Hands Water Safety Programme for young children. As part of this evaluation, Water Safety Ireland is inviting all early learning and care settings to take part in a short online survey. The online survey can be accessed [here](#).

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026

Seachtain na Gaeilge runs for 01 – 17 March. It's a great opportunity to weave Irish into everyday life in simple ways. You will find some games you can download and useful phrases through the following link. [Games – Seachtain na Gaeilge](#)

FRÁSAÍ GAEILGE/IRISH PHRASES

Dia Dhuit - Hello

Slán - Bye

Conas atá tú ? – How are you ?

Tá me go maith - I am good

Le do thoil – Please

Go raibh maith agat – Thank you





LOCAL



Free Parents Plus Early Years Programme (0-5 Years)

Topics Include:

- Support your children's self-esteem and confidence
- Getting you children to DO WHAT YOU ASK
- TUNING into your child/ Pressing the PAUSE button
- Establishing routines and rewards
- PRAISING good behaviour/ IGNORING misbehaviour
- Parent self-care

Date: 16th April – 21st May 2026 (once a week for 6 weeks)

Time: 7-9pm (Thursday evenings)

Venue: Online via Zoom

Reserve your place, visit www.parentingcavan.ie click on programmes, scroll down and complete an enquiry form.

For more information contact Joanne via email parentingcavan@cclde.ie or phone 0877529948



Does your child have **ADHD?**

ADHD Children's Programme(6-12 Years)

A free parenting programme for parents of children aged 6-12 years with a diagnosis of ADHD and suspected ADHD who are awaiting an assessment. ADHD-(Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).

Topics include: Parenting a child with ADHD, responding positively as a parent, establishing routines, managing concerning behaviour, problem solving, long term supports, supporting siblings, manage stress, support child's education and learning

Date: 15th April-20th May 2026

Time: 7pm- 9pm

Where: Cavan County Local Development Building, 6A Corlurgan Business Park, Cavan, H12DP86.

To reserve a place, click on www.parentingcavan.ie select MENU- Scroll through, click on ADHD Children and submit an enquiry form . For more info phone Joanne on 0877529948 or email parentingcavan@cclde.ie.



Adolescent Programme

Do you want to help your child grow into a confident, well adjusted adult and reach their potential?

Join our free six week evening Parents Plus 'Adolescent Programme' age 11+ and meet other parents in a supportive group to make this a reality.

Support your adolescent to:

- Make responsible choices
- Communicate positively
- Achieve their goals
- Have a better relationship with each other

As a parent, learn how to:

- Improve communication with your teenager
- Find solutions to problems together
- Teach your teenager responsibility
- Establishing rules with teenagers
- Empowering and connecting with teenagers

Date: 14th April – 19th May 2026 (Tuesday evenings for 6 weeks)

Time: 7-9pm

Venue: Online via Zoom

Click on www.parentingcavan.ie scroll down to programmes and submit an enquiry form to reserve a place or email parentingcavan@cclde.ie .



Cavan Community News



We encourage all community childcare services to check out the latest edition of the Cavan Community ENews. Compiled weekly by Cavan Public Participation Network (PPN), this newsletter features updates from over 500 local groups, partner agencies, and funders. It's a useful resource for staying informed about local initiatives, events, and supports that may benefit the families you work with. [Click here to view this weeks newsletter.](#)



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with everything Childcare related!



**Remember you can also send on any job vacancies you have and anything else about your service that you would like us to share to:
admin@cavanccc.ie**



Did you know we are now on Instagram? Follow us for all the updates!

Covid Case Advice

Please see below links to relevant information:

- [Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE](#)
- [Management of Infectious Disease in Childcare Facilities and Other Childcare Settings \(2012\)](#)
- General Covid-19 queries:
Contact HSE on 1800 700 700 between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am - 5 pm Saturday and Sunday / [HSE Covid 19](#)

**As usual, if you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on:
Tel: 049 436 5856
Email:
admin@cavanccc.ie**

**Regards, Cavan
County Childcare
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