



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

Weekly Newsletter 13th-17th January

National News

Click here to read all the national news this week!

Local News

[Click here to read all the local news this week!](#)

Training Calendar

We have started our training calendar. Please see attached. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out



Deadlines and Important Dates

27th January 2025 @ 12 noon

Deadline for Building Blocks Extension Grant Scheme

1st February 2025

New Garda Vetting Procedures come into effect

5th February 2025

Purposeful Play Workshop

12th February 2025

Always Children First Training



Training Calendar

Exciting Update: Our CPD Training Calendar for the First Quarter of 2025 is Here! We will be adding lots more of exciting training in the coming weeks. Keep an eye on our website and facebook for more updates!

We are thrilled to announce that we've updated our CPD training calendar for the first quarter of 2025!

Whether you're looking to enhance your skills, deepen your knowledge, or stay up-to-date with the latest practices, we've got a range of exciting workshops and courses lined up, all designed to support your professional development.

Booking is Easy! Please see our training calendar attached.

Spaces are limited, so don't miss out! Follow the links below to reserve your spot on our Eventbrite page:

👉 [Maia Purposeful Play Training Workshop](#)

👉 [Always Children First](#)

👉 [Outdoor Play Workshop](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our upcoming workshops and supporting you on your journey of continuous professional development!

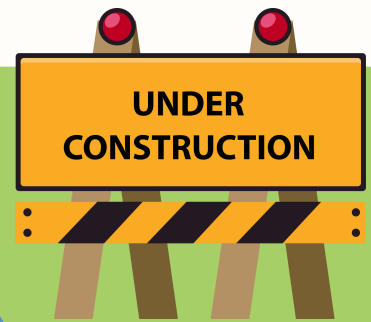
For more information or if you have any questions, feel free to get in touch.



Building Blocks Extension Grant Scheme

The application process for the Building Blocks Extension Grant Scheme is now open and will close for applications on **27th January 2025 at 12pm**.

Information on the Scheme can be found [HERE](#) with detailed application templates, applicant guidelines and FAQ's available [HERE](#) in the resources section on the Hive.



New Garda Vetting Procedure

New Garda Vetting procedures for ELC and SAC services are coming into effect on February 1st. The following changes will take effect:

- Early Childhood Ireland (ECI) will manage Garda Vetting services for all ELC & SAC employees. Membership with ECI is not a requirement to avail of vetting services.
 - Tusla will manage Garda Vetting services for registered providers including Chairpersons of Boards of Management and Childminders.
 - As part of these changes, Barnardos will no longer provide vetting services.
- More detailed information on the new Garda Vetting procedures can be found on the gov.ie website [HERE](#).



Core Funding Financial Management Tool update

An updated version of the Financial Management Tool (FMT) for 2024/25 is now available on the Early Years Hive [HERE](#).

The FMT was developed by The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) as an optional support for services that do not have their own accountancy software packages. It can be used to prepare a trial balance, which Core Funding Partner Services will be required to submit to fulfil their financial reporting obligation after the end of the 2024/25 programme year.

The FMT can be used on an ongoing basis now to record financial information and make this report easier to generate when it is due for submission. Using the FMT can also help an organisation to make informed and timely financial decisions and take corrective actions where needed.

Guidance documents relating to the tool are also available on the Hive and as always please contact your Development Worker if you have any queries.



Trauma and Social Integration Talk

The Cavan Local Authority Trauma and Social Integration Team invites you to an engaging and insightful discussion on trauma and social integration.

This event will take place in Cavan on Tuesday, 4th February. Spaces are very limited, so if you're interested in attending, please reach out to us at admin@cavanccc.ie as soon as possible.



Childminding Registration

Tusla have continued to expand the resources and support documentation available on their Childminding webpages [//tusla.ie/early-years-inspectorate/childminding-services](https://tusla.ie/early-years-inspectorate/childminding-services).

To contact Tusla's childminding helpline ring (061) 440600 (option 9) or email cm.registration@tusla.ie or view their [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on the website.

New Childcare&Me App Launched

Introducing the NEW Childcare&Me App!

Looking for childcare information or family support?

The Childcare&Me App is here to help! This innovative, multilingual app provides:

- Details on National Childcare Programmes
- Info on local childcare services and Tusla supports
- Resources for families across Ireland, including those transitioning into new communities
- Resources available in English, Arabic, and Ukrainian

It's a modern tool for today's families!

Download the app today and explore how it can support your family's needs.

Click here for more information:

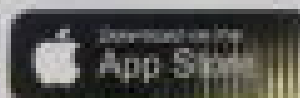
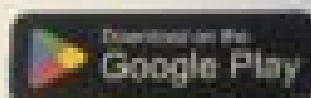
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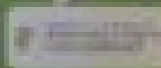
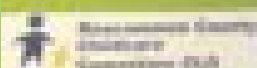
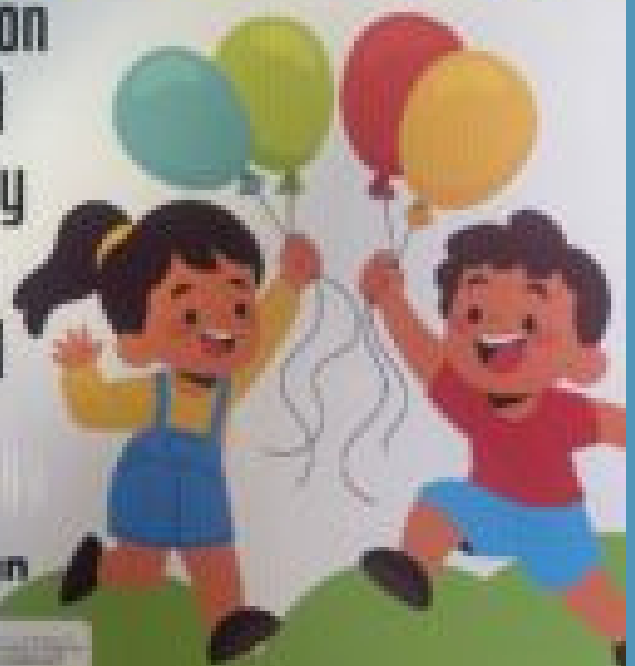


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A one stop information
hub to access local
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Lámh Module 1 Places Available with Better Start

Lámh Module One: Places now available for March and April 2025
There are currently a limited number of places available on upcoming training for March and April 2025.

This course is for staff members and professionals who have started to work in an environment where Lámh is used and covers 100 Lámh signs and how to support a Lámh user.

The training is delivered in a blended approach combining Moodle (approx. 3hours) and a practical signing session online (approx. 3.5hours).

Find out all the information you will need here:

[More information Lamh](#)

FREE TRAINING WORKSHOP

ONLINE 28 January 2025 3 PM - 5 PM

Rights and Responsibilities of Unmarried Parents

This workshop is for Managers, Room Leaders and Early Years Educators focusing on the rights and responsibilities of unmarried parents and the most common questions childcare workers face when working with non-marital families.

Questions are encouraged so when booking your place through info@roscommonchildcare.ie or 0949622540, please submit any queries you might like answered at this workshop and we will try to cover them.



LOCAL



ACTIVE Communities

5 LOCATIONS | 35+ PROGRAMMES

SWIMMING - SOCCER - BADMINTON -
YOGA - BASKETBALL - ZUMBA - VOLLEYBALL

Ballyconnell | Ballyjamesduff | Cavan | Cootehill | Kingscourt

20TH JANUARY - MARCH 2025
Bookings from 6th Jan 2025, 6 Week Programmes

Active Communities

Cavan Sports Partnership are running an Active Communities programme in various areas across county Cavan. There are various activities you can sign up to, swimming, soccer, dance classes for all fitness types.

Why not kick 2025 off to a healthy start. These are sure to be popular, so check out the link on their Facebook page [here](#).

Bumps and Babies Focus FRC

A FREE interactive event for parents and soon to be parents (0-36months). Do not miss out on this opportunity! Limited Tickets!

Thursday 23rd January 2025 in FOCUS Family Resource Centre in the Loft (Top Floor)

To register please follow the link [here](#).

FOCUS FRC
Family Resource Centre CLG

BUMPS AND BABIES

FREE Event

An interactive event for parents and soon to be parents (0-36months).
Join us to learn the tips and tricks of parenting!

- Guest speakers from Irish Association for Infant Mental Health (IAIMH)
- Lifestart Programme
- Interactive Activities, such as Music and Baby Massage
- Free Goodie Bags!
- Refreshments Provided!

📅 23th January 2025 | 🕒 10 AM - 12 PM

📍 @ FOCUS Family Resource Centre Killshandra in the Loft (Top Floor)

Don't miss out on this opportunity. Limited Tickets!

To register please follow the link above or scan QR code



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**

Bad Joke of the Week

A Mummy covered in chocolate and nuts has been discovered in Egypt.

Archaeologists believe it may be Pharaoh Roche...



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:
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Regards, Cavan
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