



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

**Weekly
Newsletter**
3rd - 7th February

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Childminding News

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Newsletter Feature

If you would like to feature your
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Deadlines and Important Dates

14th February 2025

Review and Confirm window
for Core Funding closes

21st February 2025

LINC+ CPD Programme for
LINC Graduates closes @ 4pm

28th February 2025

Submission of the Income and
Expenditure Template for year
2 closes



Core Funding February Review and Confirm



The February Review and Confirm window is open between 1st February -14th February 2025.

Core Funding supports and training materials can be found under the Help and Support section of the Early Years Hive.



Reporting Requirements for Core Funding Year 2

The deadline for submitting the completed Income and Expenditure is 28 February 2025 for year 2.

The CFCRRS portal is now open. To log in please enter your PAU e-mail address and password. If you require a new password, please select the request password on the top-left corner of the screen. From the 4th of February a template with the pre-populated DCEDIY income figures for your service can be downloaded from the portal.

We recommend sharing your expenditure data and any other income figures (such as parental fee income) with your accountant as soon as possible so they can complete the submission.

For guidance and support clicking this [link](#) and looking under Core Funding Reporting Requirement Year 2 (2023/2024). If you have any further queries or requests, please email support@cfcrrs.ie for clarification.





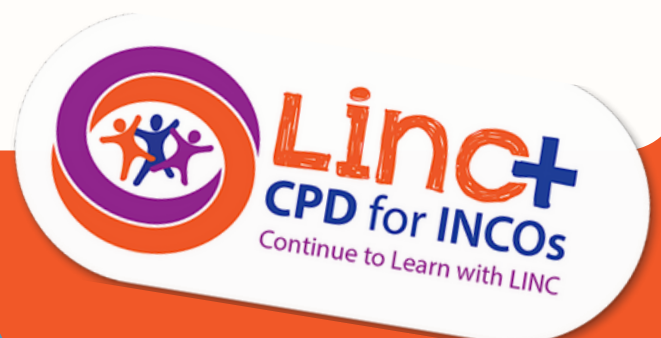
LINC+ CPD Programme for LINC Graduates

The LINC+ CPD Programme was launched in March 2021. It was created to enable graduates of the LINC Programme to benefit from regular professional support and development, through additional training, networking, and development of communities of practice.

The programme is fully funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and is delivered completely online.

Please note: Only Graduates of the Leadership for Inclusion in the Early Years (LINC Programme) (2016-2024) can register for the LINC+ CPD Programme. Registration for the LINC+ CPD Programme for LINC Graduates is now open and will close on Friday, February 21st, 2025, at 4pm. Please use the following link for registration. <https://lincprogramme.ie/cpd-for-incos/>

The LINC+ CPD Programme can be included by all Participants under option 5 of their Core Funding Quality Action Plan



New Garda Vetting procedures

Tusla will now provide the Garda Vetting Application Service for people who are Registered Providers of Early Years Services (including Childminders) or those applying for registration.

Who Can Apply through Tusla from February 2025?

Tusla will provide Garda Vetting for:

- Registered Providers of pre-school and school-age services
- Childminders
- Heads of Boards of Management (where the person is the Registered Provider)
- Quality assurance personnel acting on behalf of the chairperson



Who Cannot Apply through Tusla?

Tusla will not provide vetting for:

- Employees, volunteers, or cover personnel in childcare services
- Students on placement (must apply through their educational institution)

Vetting for these staff members must be obtained from Early Childhood Ireland.

Applications must be submitted via the new [Tusla Garda Vetting Portal](#). Guidance materials will be available to support applicants.

To support Registered Providers and Childminders Tusla has created a dedicated Garda Vetting section on their website, along with a Guidance Document and a pathway infographic



Additional information is available on the DCEDIY website here [Garda Vetting for the Early Learning and Care \(ELC\) and School Aged Childcare \(SAC\) sector](#)



**National Action Plan
for Childminding
2021-2028**

Childminding Development Grants 2025

Norma Foley, Minister for Children, Disability and Equality today announced the opening of the 2025 Childminding Development Grant.

The Childminding Development Grant provides up to €1,000 to assist both registered and unregistered childminders who are providing a childminding service in their own homes.

The grant aims to support childminders to enhance quality and safety in their service through the purchase of toys, childcare equipment, safety equipment, equipment to support inclusion and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths (STEAM) education, as well as IT equipment to assist childminders to engage with training and registration processes.

The grant scheme is open to all childminders, including those who are planning to open a childminding business during 2025. 75% of the grant is paid in advance to help childminders with the upfront costs of purchasing equipment.

Moo Music Sessions for Childminders, babies & toddlers

Free music sessions for childminders (working in your own home) babies & toddlers. In our office H12 E512 Thursday 27th March & Friday 25th April, 10 to 11.30am.

Always Children First Foundation Level Training for Childminders

Cavan CCC are delighted to offer Always Children First Foundation Level Training programme for Childminders. Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th February, 7 to 9pm in our office H12 E512. Cost €10 per participant. Places are limited.



CPD online webinar



The LINC Team is delighted to invite you to an insightful webinar exploring how Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are embedded in the updated Aistear framework on Wednesday, February 12th 2025 @ 7 PM. Please see attached for further information.

Nature Based and Outdoor Play Workshop

FEW SPACES REMAINING!!!

Fun interactive nature based session to make the most out of your outdoor space.

Follow this link to register:
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/nature-based-and-outdoor-play-workshop-tickets-1206781819909?aff=oddtcreator>





CPD/TRAINING Survey



Cavan CCC will be delivering a number of training sessions this year and we are looking for your opinion.

Please complete the form and submit to help us ensure that we are meeting your training needs.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

Please follow this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/597vYU1KCU>





Healthy Families Workshops with Parenting Cavan

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Empowering families, Managing Technology for children & Restful Sleep for children. Some of topics covered:

- Protect children from negative marketing and media influences.
- Take back control of environments and help your child make healthy choices
- Introduce routines and good behaviours to manage technology in your home
- Teach children the importance of health & wellbeing
- Manage the effects, set limits & keep you child safe on screens
- Develop consistent, relaxing sleep and regular bed time routines for children



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Join our free evening online Parents Plus 'Healthy Families Workshops on Empowering families, Managing Technology for children & Restful Sleep.

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Date: 6th, 13th & 20th March 2025 (3x Thursday evenings)

Time: 7-9pm

Venue: Online via Zoom

To reserve your place, contact Joanne on 0877529948 or email parentingcavan@cld.ie.

Check out our website www.parentingcavan.com to view all programmes/workshops available to book.



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**

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Please consider sharing it.

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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