

Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 14th – 18th April 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 14th – 18th April 2025.

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

1st May 2025

Nurturing Skills Learner Fund application process closes

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Nurturing Skills Learner Fund 2025 2026

The Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF) is open to applicants for the academic year 2025/2026. NSLF will cover 90% of the course fees for successful applicants. Information on the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund can be found [here](#). Applicants must contact NSLF@pobal.ie to request a link to register on the NSLF Student Portal, upload their employment details and complete the new application process. The application process closes on **1st May 2025**.

Pobal Updates

NCS: Service calendar and returns

If your service is closed over the Easter period, this closure must be marked on the NCS calendar. You must note whether it is a subsidised (paid) closure or not. Changes cannot be made to service calendar opening hours or claim hours once a return for that week has been submitted on HIVE.

For more information, please see '*How to add a closure*' on the [NCS Service Calendar](#) section of Help & Support. If you require further assistance, please raise a [Service Request](#)



ECCE: Service calendar



ECCE programme rules state that changes to the ECCE calendars must be first approved by the Childcare Care Committee and parents must be given 20 working days'

notice of any changes to the calendar. Copies of notices must be kept on file for compliance purposes. Further information can be found on the [ECCE Service Calendar](#) section of Help & Support on HIVE

Transitions research - Ukraine Families experience

Donegal Childcare Committee received funding at the end of 2024 to carry out research on the experience of Ukrainian families with the transition process.

ATU Donegal has agreed to carry out this research which aims to identify the challenges faced by families, preschool providers and primary schools, as well as examples of good practice; highlighting initiatives that worked well.

We are now seeking expressions of interested from primary schools and preschools who are interested in participating in a focus group. Please see the information sheet below for potential participants and the link below for an online consent form which must be completed prior to participation in the research.

Consent form link here [Participant Consent Form](#)



Participant
Information Letter.p

Pre- Registration Training for Childminders

Kerry County Childcare Committee are offering an online Pre-Registration Training for Childminders. (see details below)

This is a mandatory training programme for childminders who wish to register with Tusla. This training will support you to understand the new childminding regulations and will provide you with all the information required to register with Tusla. This is a FREE training course and takes approx. 7 hours to complete. There is no assessment, and you will be issued a certificate upon completion. There is no expiry date for this training certificate.

To register please contact Amy on amy@kerrycountychildcare.com

PRE-REGISTRATION TRAINING FOR CHILDMINDERS



Childcare Committee
County Kerry
Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chiarraí Teo

Online

TRAINING DATES

TUESDAY JUNE 10TH 2025
7PM TO 9PM

SATURDAY JUNE 14TH 2025
9AM TO 1:30PM

Information on:

- Being a childminder
- Understanding new childminding regulations
- Documents required for Tusla registration

THIS TRAINING IS A REQUIREMENT FOR TUSLA REGISTRATION

For Bookings contact:

Amy on 0877885114
amy@kerrycountychildcare.com

Early Childhood Educator Online Webinar Series – Hibernia College

Webinar 1 will focus on **Outdoor Play and Learning** in early childhood settings. Michelle Nicholas will provide practical ideas around Outdoor Play and Learning. The webinar is free and will take place next Thursday 24th April at 7pm via Zoom. Participants will receive an attendance certificate. If you are interested in attending, please register here <https://hiberniacollege.com/events/>

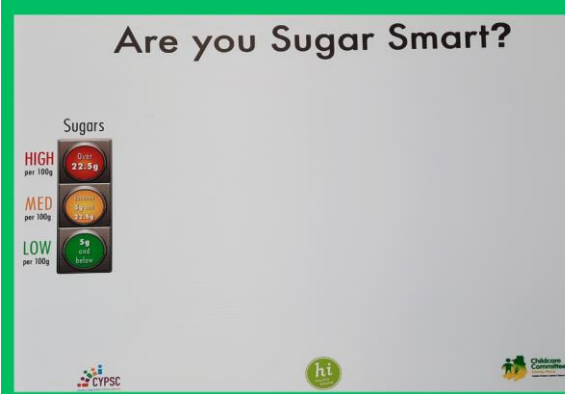
Sugar Smart Boards - Are you Sugar Smart?

We have a number of Sugar Smart Activity Boards still available. Boards are 80cm by 60cm in diameter and made from pp corrugated board. They can be collected from our office in Tralee. If you are interested please contact info@kerrycountychildcare.com to organise a pick up time.

Are you Sugar Smart?

Sugars

HIGH per 100g	22.5g
MED per 100g	10g
LOW per 100g	5g



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Childcare Committee

Childminders Network Event

Kerry CCC are hosting a Childminding Network meeting on the 14/05/2025. There will be a Guest speaker from Kerry Local Enterprise Office who will provide information on Mentoring and Training and Financial Planning Supports available to Childminders. For bookings please contact amy@kerrycountychildcare.com



The flyer features the Childcare Committee County Kerry logo at the top left. The main title is 'Childminding Network Event'. Below this, there are several key messages in rounded rectangular boxes: a green box stating 'Meet other childminders and obtain information on Financial Planning and Mentoring and Training', a yellow box stating 'Kerry Local Enterprise Office will be here on the night to give information on business supports available and training for Childminders', and two smaller green boxes for 'Mentoring & Training' and 'Financial Planning'. The date and time are listed as 'Wednesday 14th May 2025' and 'Time: 7.30pm'. An RSVP contact number '087 7885114' is provided. The location is 'Kerry County Childcare Committee Office, Tralee'. A circular graphic on the right contains the Local Enterprise Office logo and a photo of people. A final green box at the bottom right states 'Opportunity to meet other childminders, share information and get ideas.'

Childminding Network Event

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Kerry Local Enterprise Office will be here on the night to give information on business supports available and training for Childminders

Mentoring & Training **Financial Planning**

📅 Wednesday 14th May 2025 ⌚ Time: 7.30pm

RSVP - AMY 087 7885114

📍 Location
Kerry County Childcare Committee Office, Tralee

Local Enterprise Office

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Kerry CCC Supports

Should you require support on any of the following, please contact Kathryn O'Donnell, Support & Development Officer at kathryn@kerrycountychildcare.com / 0872751760.

- Recruitment & Selection, Induction
 - Staff Support & Supervision
 - Staff & Management Interactions, Communication
 - Leadership
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Communication
 - Any supports on Governance
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Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page



Have you visited our [Providers Information section](#)? Updates and information posted regularly. We invite you to visit our website [here](#) and like and follow our Facebook page [here](#) for lots of updates and relevant information.

Covid Case Advice

Please see below links to relevant information: [Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE & Pre_School_ManagementInfectiousDisease.pdf](#)

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](#)

We hope you had a peaceful and restful Easter break.

Kind regards

Kerry County Childcare Committee