

Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 12th May 2025 – 16th May 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 12th May 2025 – 16th May 2025.

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

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| 6 th May 2025 | Access & Inclusion Model (AIM) Level 4, Level 5 and Level 7 standard applications for the 2025/2026 programme are now open |
| 27 th May 2025 | Annual Early Years Sector Profile 2024/25 is open from 6 th May- 27 th May 2025 |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pathways to Wellbeing – Summer Seminar

Kerry County Childcare Committee are delighted to invite ELC & SAC providers and educators to our free summer seminar “Pathways to Wellbeing for Children & Educators”.

This is taking place in the Rose Hotel, Tralee on Saturday the 7th of June 2025 from 9am – 4pm. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Keynote speakers on the day include Dr Mary O’Kane, Edel Lawlor and Dermot Rafter.

Mary will speak on the topic of “***The Role of Adventurous Play & Risk Taking***”.

Edel will speak on “***The Power of Play***” the importance of play in the early years.

Dermot will speak about “***Looking After Ourselves***” covering wellbeing and stress management.

We have attached a flyer with further information to share with your staff team.

Places are limited, so we are initially taking bookings of two people from each service with two in reserve should places become available. Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis.

Bookings for your service can be made via the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/4SjiRyXm3z>

or by scanning the QR code:



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are delighted to host a
Summer Seminar:



**Pathways to Wellbeing for Children
and Educators**

Speakers on the day are:

Dr. Mary O' Kane "The Role of Adventurous Play & Risk Taking".

Edel Lawlor "The Power of Play"

Dermot Rafter "Looking After Ourselves" .

There will be the opportunity for questions and answers at the end of each session.

 **Saturday 7th June 2025**

 **9.00am – 16.00pm**

 **The Rose Hotel, Tralee**

Bookings:





Access & Inclusion Model (AIM)

Access & Inclusion Model (AIM) Level 4, Level 5 and Level 7 standard initial and Review & Confirm applications for the 2025/2026 programme year are open now.

AIM Level 7 Plus and Non-term applications for the 2025/26 programme call will open mid-summer. Services are reminded to submit any relevant AIM application at least three months prior to a child's planned start date in ECCE. For further support, please see the [Better Start / AIM - Service Provider Portal](#)



Annual Early Years Sector Profile 2024/25

The 2024/2025 Annual Early Years Sector Profile survey has opened. The survey will remain open until Tuesday, 27 May 2025 and can be accessed through the Early Years Hive [Here](#). **Please ensure your Service Profile has been updated on the Early Years Hive on or after Friday, 2nd May.** This ensures that the most up to date information is included in the data collected for the survey. All services are encouraged to complete the survey; however, completing this year's survey within the open window is **mandatory** for all existing Core Funding Partner Services. Services wishing to become a Core Funding Partner Service in the future must also complete the survey before submitting their Core Funding application. For more information



and support, please go to [AEYSP Survey - Service Provider Portal](#). FAQs are also available on the Early Years Hive on the Cross Programme – Documents page ([here](#)).

AIM non- term 2024/2025

Please submit your AIM Non-term 2024/2025 applications for the summer months on the Early Years Hive as soon as possible. If you have already submitted the applications and did not include the required summer dates, please submit a ‘change of circumstance’ review to add the relevant dates.

A guide on submitting a change of circumstances review can be found [here](#).



Better Start Quality Development Service Information Webinar



The Better Start Team work in a mentoring capacity with Early Learning and Care settings to support the implementation of the National Frameworks Síolta and Aistear. Register today to secure your place at their next webinar: Better Start Quality Development Information Session. This will take place online on May 27th from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. You'll have the chance to connect with team members and explore the mentoring options available for your setting.

Visit the [Better Start Website Training and Events](#) or click on this [link](#) to register.

My Little Library 2025

My Little Library 2025 information is attached.

Please share it with families using your service.

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
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Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page

Have you visited the [Providers Information section](#) on our website? Updates and information are 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](#)

Kind regards

Kerry County Childcare Committee