

Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 19th – 23rd May 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 19th – 23rd May 2025.

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

3rd June 2025: Annual Early Years Sector Profile 2024/25 closing

7th June 2025: Kerry CCC Summer Seminar – Pathways to Wellbeing for Children and Educators

27th June 2025: Deadline for AIM applications for the 2024/25 programme call

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Free Summer Seminar “Pathways to Wellbeing for Children and Educators”

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.

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:





Annual Early Years Sector Profile 2024/25

The deadline for the 2024/2025 Annual Early Years Sector Profile survey has been extended to allow more time for services to complete it. The survey will now close at 5pm on Tuesday, 03 June. 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. For more information and support, please visit [AEYSP Survey - Service Provider Portal](#).

AIM applications for the 2024/25 programme call

The ECCE 2024/25 programme call is closing. Please ensure all AIM applications are submitted prior to the closure of ECCE, as applications submitted after the closure will not be processed.



For children receiving AIM support for the 2024/25 programme year who wish to avail of AIM Non-term over the summer period, please ensure an AIM Non-term application is submitted before the programme call closure and outline dates in which AIM Non-term support is required.

Alternatively, if you have already submitted an AIM Non-term application and did not include the required summer dates, please submit a 'Change of Circumstances' review to add the relevant dates.

Please note: A child will not be eligible to avail of AIM Non-term for the summer period if an AIM Standard application has not been submitted prior to the closure of ECCE.

For more information, go to [Better Start / AIM - Service Provider Portal](#)

Core Funding Compliance Visits 2025

Core Funding 2024/2025 compliance visits for Partner Services will begin in June 2025. These unannounced visits will focus on the Graduate Lead Educator Premium in relation to the most recent Core Funding Application information. The purpose of these checks is to ensure that the latest Core Funding Application from Partner Services is current and accurate.



To ensure the compliance checks can be conducted at unannounced inspections, please ensure that the following details are on file and accessible to present to the Visit Officer for review:

- Staff attendance records for each room, where there is an assigned Graduate Lead Educator and a Graduate Premium being received, must be maintained from the start of the 2024/2025 programme call. It should also be noted that Partner Services are required to hold staff records, which clearly show the dates worked, attendance start, and end times and hours worked of each staff member.

Attendance of Children in receipt of AIM Support

- For AIM Level 7 Standard, a service provider must adhere to the rules for absence or under-attendance, as set out in the ECCE rules. In line with these rules, Pobal must be informed through a **Prolonged Absence Review** if an AIM child has been absent for a period of 4 or more consecutive weeks.
- The AIM Programme Rules for 2024/25 are available on the Early Years Hive [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.

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



[Website Jobs Board](#) – Local Jobs Board for Kerry

If you would like to place an advert on our Jobs Board email kathryn@kerrycountychildcare.com.

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