

Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 9th– 13th June 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 9th – 13th June 2025.

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

25th June 2025 Closing date for the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF)

31st July 2025 QIPP Report Template recommended completion date

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Updated Aistear Workshop ****5 Spaces Remaining****



Kerry CCC are holding workshops on the updated Aistear framework.

Attendance at both session 1 and session 2 is required to complete the training.

These information packed sessions will explore the updated language, concepts, principles, guidance for good practice and learning goals in Aistear The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework (2024).

Sessions will take place in the Kerry County Childcare Committee office on the following dates:

Session 1	Tuesday 1 st July 2025	2:30pm - 5:00pm	Part 1: Vision and Principles
Session 2	Thursday 3 rd July 2025	2:30pm -5:00pm	Part 2: Themes of Aistear

Please note: Attendance at both sessions is required.

Booking Criteria:

- This training is open to Managers/Room leaders & Tusla registered Childminders in ELC settings.
- Booking is on a first come, first served basis with a maximum of 18 spaces available.
- Booking is limited to one person per service

Bookings: eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com

Please ensure you can attend both sessions prior to booking.

Further sessions will be scheduled for the end of August and during the Autumn term.

2025/2026 Programme Readiness

Programme readiness tasks for Core Funding, ECCE, NCS & CCSP Saver are now available for completion on HIVE. All guidance and support documents are available in the Resources section of HIVE. The Announcements issued on 6 June & 9 June also contain links directly to the specific support documents including programme checklists.

QIPP Report Template 2024/2025

QIPP report template 2024/2025 is now available for completion on www.cfcrrs.ie. Services are strongly encouraged to complete the end-of-year QIPP report by Thursday 31 July 2025. The final deadline for completion is Tuesday 30 September 2025. A QIPP Technical Guidance Video: How to Complete a QIPP Report is available [here](#)



Year 4 Core Funding updates

Following the recent announcement by Minister Foley on the changes to Year 4 Core Funding (2025/2026), the 'What's new for Partner Services in Core Funding Year 4 2025-26' document as well as other support documents are available on HIVE and through the following link; [Core Funding Q&A](#)



Supporting your child's positive mental health in the early year's information session

The National Parents Council are running free online information sessions for parents on a variety of dates and times from 16 to 20 June 2025.

For further information, please see poster below and attached.





NPC
Early Years



Supporting your child's positive mental health in the early years
The National Parents Council invites you to a FREE online information session
16th to the 20th of June



Have any questions?
Contact us @
Tel: 01 887 4034
email: Info@npc.ie

Scan for more Information



Principles for Engaging in the Arts: A Guide for Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare Settings.



An Roinn Leanaí, Míchumais agus Comhionannais
Department of Children,
Disability and Equality

Minister Foley & Minister O'Donovan recently launched the 'Principles for Engaging in the Arts: A Guide for Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare Settings'. The guide and further information can be accessed [here](#)

Nurturing Skills



A new central hub to find information on how the Government is supporting Early Years Educators, School-Age Childcare Practitioners and Childminders on advancing skills, planning your career and entering the profession <https://www.nurturingskills.ie/>

Let's get Ready

The [Let's get Ready](#) website has lots of useful resources for parents and children including going to a childminder, going to pre-school, starting primary school, and information for families with children of disabilities. The Dept. communications team circulated a poster to services to help promote the resources to parents.



Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page



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 Management Infectious Disease.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