

# CHILD MINDER NEWSLETTER



Childcare  
Committee  
County Kerry  
Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chiarraí

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

This new quarterly bulletin is aimed specifically at Childminders and all things Childminding related. We will provide information on training and events, useful links and tips as well as all the up to date news from our sector. And remember if you have any ideas for topics you would like to include just drop me a line.

*Amy* Kerry CCC Childminding Development Officer



## SUMMER NETWORK MEETING

Our Summer Network meeting will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025 - all welcome!

**CHILDMINDING  
NETWORK MEETING**

**19<sup>th</sup> August 2025**  
7:30pm to 9:30pm

- Meet Other Childminders
- Get Advice
- Share Ideas
- Explore Opportunities
- Information on Registration - Funding etc

The Torc Hotel, Mallow Road,  
Killarney, V93F98V

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## DID YOU KNOW?

In the 2022 Census Childminders in Kerry were caring for 2024 children.

This includes full time, part time and before and after school care for children aged 0-15 years.

Source: CSO 2022 Census Data

## INFORMATION CORNER

### Settling In

We all know the importance of the settling in period for children in our care. If you would like to do some further reading or gain additional information try this [Barnardos publication](#) or this [website](#).

### Transitions

Are you caring for a child who will be starting primary school this September? Some useful advice can be found here: [Lets Get Ready](#).

### Collections and Drop Offs

Car safety information can be located on the RSA website. Also visit the Simon and Friends section for some road safety advice! [RSA Safety](#).

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## UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

### Pre-registration Training

The next pre-registration training programme will take place on line on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

### Always Children First: Foundation Level Training for Childminders



Always Children First Child Safeguarding training will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September between 6.00pm - 10.00pm in Tralee. The programme is designed to support childminder's understanding of child safeguarding in a childminding context.

### First Aid Training for Childminders

**\*\*Limited Spaces Available\*\***



First Aid Training will be held between 10.00 am - 4.00pm on Saturday 27th September 2025 in The Torc Hotel in Killarney

### PRE-REGISTRATION TRAINING FOR CHILDMINDERS



**Online**  
TRAINING DATES

MONDAY AUGUST 11TH 2025  
6:30PM TO 9:30PM  
&  
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13TH  
2025  
6:30PM TO 9:30PM  
BOTH SESSIONS MUST BE ATTENDED TO  
COMPLETE COURSE

#### 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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**For further information, or to book any of the above, please contact Amy**

## CHILDMINDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT

### Reminder!

If you were approved for this years Childminding Development Grant the spending window closes on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025.

If you have any queries about the eligible / ineligible purchase list please contact Amy for information and advice.

Top tip: Complete your expenditure report as you go along to keep track of your spending!

## CONTACT DETAILS:

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## AND FINALLY.....

### Support and Advice



We are hoping to set up a 'Childminder Only' WhatsApp group where you can ask questions, support each other and share information. (I'm not allowed to join! *Amy*) Please let me know if you are interested in joining.

I can also answer any queries via, phone, WhatsApp or email.

### National Action Plan for Childminding 2021 - 2028

Information on the National Action Plan for Childminding can be accessed [here](#) and remember to follow them on [Facebook](#)



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2021-2028

