


WHAT KERRY COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE CAN DO FOR YOU AS...

A CHILDMINDER...

- Support new or existing childminders through the process of establishing their own childminding business within their homes
- Provide information and support to childminders through the childminder information pack and follow-up meetings
- Support through the process of notification to the HSE (if caring for four or more children)
- Support through the process of voluntary notification to KCCC (if caring for three or less children)
- Provide support visits to Childminders in their homes
- Organise relevant training courses, workshops and seminars to meet childminders' needs
- Support through childminder network meetings
- Financial support in developing their business by assisting them to access funding.



Kerry County Childcare Committee Limited
Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chiarraí Teo

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU...



CONTACT DETAILS...

Staff Structure:

- Oonagh Fleming – Manager
- Denise Quinlan – Childminder Advisory Officer
- Catherine Callaghan – Quality Officer
- Kathryn O'Donnell - Support & Development Officer
- Pamela Curran - Administrator & Project Administration Support Worker

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THE KCCC MISSION STATEMENT IS:

Kerry County Childcare Committee Ltd. endeavours to implement the County Childcare Strategy, which aims to co-ordinate, support and advocate for the provision of quality, accessible and inclusive Childcare service throughout the county.

In 2001, 33 Childcare Committees were set up to animate, support and co-ordinate the development of childcare locally. The Kerry County Childcare Committee (KCCC) is the first point of contact for anyone involved in childcare including childcare providers and students and parents.

KCCC is funded by the Government to deliver early childhood care and education programmes which support children and families. This work is set out in the National Strategic Plan 2011 – 2013 Early Childhood Care and Education Programmes. The objectives of the National Strategy are:

- To develop comprehensive childcare supports, infrastructure and services where the holistic wellbeing of children and families are fundamental.
- To enhance quality early childhood education and care and school age provision
- To consolidate investment in the sector in order to support the continuing development of a stable, integrated and sustainable infrastructure.
- Through ongoing professional development, to build on the capacity of the ECCE sector to enhance and develop quality services for children and their families.
- To ensure effective and transparent collaboration, communication and consultation, and optimum use of resources by all stakeholders in early childhood care and education

KCCC KEY PRIORITIES:

Kerry County Childcare Committee sees as one of its key priorities the support and development of existing and potential childcare provision in Kerry. This includes supporting all childcare settings in the development of quality provision. Quality childminding also remains a key priority for the Committee. These priorities underpin the everyday work of the committee and staff of KCCC and inform each annual Local Implementation Plan for the county.



WHO ARE WE?

OONAGH FLEMING is the **Manager** and her role is to oversee and monitor the implementation of the childcare strategy in Kerry.

CATHERINE CALLAGHAN is the **Quality Officer** and her role is to promote equal access for all children to quality childcare provision. She offers information and support to childcare providers and parents on quality improvement issues related to curriculum development, special needs, diversity etc.

DENISE QUINLAN is the **Childminder Advisory Officer** and her role is to provide information, support and training to existing or prospective childminders.

KATHRYN O'DONNELL is the **Support and Development Officer** and her role includes a wide range of supports for existing and prospective childcare providers, including assistance with staffing and recruitment issues, good employment practice, information and support in the development and implementation of policies and procedures in line with good practice and legislation and also providing support and guidance to Voluntary Management Committees

Pamela Curran is the **KCCC Administrator and Project Administration Support Worker**. As part of her role Pamela offers a wide range of supports to childcare providers in receipt of funding around their reporting requirements to their funders.



WHAT KERRY COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE CAN DO FOR YOU AS...

AN EXISTING OR PROSPECTIVE CHILDCARE PROVIDER...

- Provide information and support on the Government Funding Schemes: ECCE; CCS; CETS
- Assistance and support in meeting reporting requirements to funders
- Provide information & support to private providers and community groups on developing or establishing a childcare service
- Assistance with staffing and recruitment issues
- Provide information and support on regulations, developing policies & procedures etc.
- Provide a Committee Handbook and training for Voluntary Management Committees
- Identify / organise relevant accredited and non-accredited training courses, workshops and seminars
- Provide guidance on developing a quality service / quality standards / best practice in line with Siolta, Aistear and Regulation 5
- Facilitate local provider networks
- Provide relevant information through our website, newsletters and local media

A PARENT...

- Provide information and support on the Government Funding Schemes: ECCE; CCS; CETS
- Information and support when sourcing childcare i.e. 'A Parent's Guide to Childcare in Kerry' & 'Choosing a Childminder – A Guide for Parents'
- Support the establishment and development of Parent & Toddler groups
- Organise workshops and conferences on topics of relevance to parents of young children
- Provide relevant information to parents through our website, newsletters and the local media
- Respond to parents needs through parent representation on the County Childcare Committee
- Information and support on childcare topics and issues