



Please colour in our Easter bunny and send it in with the form below to your Cork County Childcare Office

Name: _____
 Age: _____
 Childcare Service: _____
 Contact Number: _____

Closing date 19th March 2010
 - a winner will be drawn and will receive a special Easter prize
GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY EASTER!
 Go n-éirí an t-ádh leat agus Cáisc shona dhuit!

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Newsletter

A Note From The Coordinator Thank You

It's the start of a new year, and for many of us the start of a new era in Childcare with the introduction of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme, a capitation payment for the provision of a preschool place for eligible children paid to the service rather than the parent. There has been an uptake by about 80% of services and 80% of eligible children nationally, which was more than the OMCYA had hoped for. On behalf of the Cork County Childcare Committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those childcare providers who have joined the scheme and have worked so hard to get ready for the January start. We have to accept that there have been

and probably will continue to be some teething problems, but by engaging with the scheme, we can identify those issues and work to help rectify them. The OMCYA have sent us a draft timeline for the continuation of the ECCE scheme – which I have outlined for you in this newsletter. Please remember that this is just a draft and may be subject to change. Unfortunately we do not have any more details at the moment, however we will pass on any information that the OMCYA give us. So it looks like another busy year for the childcare sector. If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact the Development worker for your area.

*Karen McDonnell
 Coordinator*

RESOURCE LIBRARY

The Cork County Childcare Committee (CCCC) Resource Library contains a great variety of books and publications on topics such as Quality, Diversity, Observations, Curriculum, Play, Child Psychology, Children with additional needs etc. At present we have two childcare resource libraries one in our main office in Buttevant and one in our West Cork Office in Dunmanway.

These resources are available to all childcare providers, childcare staff, students, parents and anyone with an interest in the childcare field living or working in the County Cork. Please contact us advance to ensure that we will be there to assist you.

Timeline for 2010 ECCE

FEBRUARY – parents who wish to enrol or transfer their child to another service or to increase the number of days their child attends, your service must complete a parental declaration form and a transfer form, which you submit to the OMCYA by 5 March.

MARCH 2010: Information Packs will be sent to all notified pre-schools inviting them to apply for the ECCE scheme in September 2010. CCSS services will also be invited to apply for the CCS/ECCE schemes.

APRIL 2010: Closing date for the applications of the ECCE/CCS- 30th April

MAY 2010: The OMYCA will issue contracts to services for signature and return.

JUNE 2010: Information leaflet for parents of qualifying children in September 2010 will be issued by the OMCYA.

JULY 2010: Information Packs re the September 2010 ECCE/CCS electronic returns will be issued by OMCYA to all participating services.

SEPTEMBER 2010: Reference week for Return is expected to be 6th-10th September

OCTOBER 2010: Parents to complete parent declaration form if they wish to enrol their child in January 2011.

NOVEMBER 2010: January returns to be returned to the OMCYA no later than 12th November 2010

These dates are the expected timeframe for 2010 they may change.

* from January to June 2010 sessional services are paid for 115 days (23 weeks) this includes 4 Bank Holidays. You are required to open for 111 days, unless you have agreed to open in conjunction with the local primary school.

CHILDMINDING WEEK

20th - 27th MARCH 2010

The theme for Childminding Week is

**"Kidz just want to have Fun
- Let's go out and Play"**

LOOKING FOR CHILDMINDERS TO WALK BY THE LEE

In conjunction with Childminding Ireland and Concern Cork County and Cork City Childcare Committee invite Childminders (and friends) to join in a walk in the Lee Field's on Wednesday 24th March 2010 at 7.00pm ending with light refreshments in the Kingsley. This is in aid of the Haiti appeal.

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CONTACT (023) 8855962

OR (021) 4507942



CHILDMINDING IRELAND
AGM & CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE ON
SATURDAY 20th MARCH

+ First Aid

The Cork County Childcare Committee Ltd. will be organising a series of subsidised First Aid, Refresher First Aid and Manual Handling courses during April 2010. The courses will be held in three locations throughout the County. The courses will be certified by the Irish Red Cross.

For further information on the location and dates please contact the main office in Buttevant on 022 23880 or the West Cork office on 023 8855962.

Places will be initially allocated and subsequently secured on receipt of payment of the balance of the cost of the course.

Please note that participants on the Refresher First Aid must produce their current in date certificate in order to be eligible to undertake the Refresher First Aid training.

Voluntary Notification for Childminder's

Voluntary Notification is for Childminders who are minding no more than three pre school children in the Childminders family home.

The Cork County Childcare Committee offers a range of supports for Childminders including Information, Training and Networking with other Childminders to ensure quality of care in their Childminding service.

Quality Awareness Programme for Childminders (QAP)

This is a short introductory course on what is involved in childminding in the family home. This training can be delivered in five 2 hours sessions or over a weekend. The main objective of the QAP is to: provide participants with an awareness of the issues involved in the provision of a quality childminding service.

For further information or to book a place contact Main office: 022 23880 or West Cork office: 023 8855962

QAP's will take place in March 2010, dates and venues are yet to be confirmed. They will take place in Mallow, Glanmire and Dunmanway.

The Association of Childcare Professionals (Cork Branch)

AGM will take place 24th February 2010 in the Imperial Hotel at 7.30pm all old and new members are invited to attend. New membership will be accepted on the evening.

The First National Conference of The Association of Childcare Professional will be held on the 10th April 2010 - Cork venue to be confirmed.

Speakers on the day will be Dr. Mathias Urban on Professional Development and Dr. Anne Gallagher on Ethics.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th APRIL 2010

IPPA AGM and Conference will take place Saturday 17th April at the Ashling Hotel. For further details contact Caitlin 014630026 or cgaffney@ippa.ie

27th MARCH 2010

NCNA Annual Conference will take place in Bewleys Ballsbridge, on 27th March. The theme of the conference will be Children Creating and Cherishing our Environment

Keynote speakers are Peter Moss (UK), Amelia Gambetti- Reggio Emilia & Tim Walker (UK).

For further details contact the NCNA; 01 4601138 or www.ncna.ie