



MARCH 2009

Message from the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

Community Childcare Subvention Scheme

It seems like an eternity since some groups submitted their CCSS applications to the OMCYA in September 2008 and are getting anxious for news of any forthcoming decisions.

We asked OMCYA to provide the latest updates on the issue and their response contained the following:

'Unfortunately more than half of the service returns made were received after the closing date, and a significant number had issues with them which had to be resolved.

We asked Pobal to pay services in January based on their funding level for the 4th quarter of 2008, and adjust the 2nd quarter of the 2009 payment accordingly. The first batch (about half of them) went to Department of Social and Family Affairs who checked them against their various databases, and those groups would have been informed of their amounts by November or early December. The second batch was received back recently and we are now processing that.

Update on Capital Applications

According to Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the applicants will be informed shortly of the position of the Capital Applications submitted in 2008.

The International Family Day Care Organisation Conference 2009 'Celebrating Quality Family Childcare'

The President of the IFDCO is currently Patricia Murray from Childminding Ireland who will be hosting the conference at University College Cork from July 20th-25th 2009.

If you would like to attend the 3 day conference go to www.ifdco.com or call (01) 2968688.

Census Forms

To all of you who completed and returned the Childcare Census forms we sent you at the end of 2008 – thank you very much. The information you provide helps us to keep track of the level of childcare provision throughout the County and allows us to pinpoint the remaining gaps and needs. For those of you who have not yet returned your forms please, please, please can we have our form back?? If your information is in the system, you will receive regular mail outs, your details go on our website (free advertising) and your service is taken into consideration when we are planning for the future childcare needs of the county. If you did not receive a form, please contact the office and we will send you one.

Quality Awareness Programmes for Childminders

This training for Childminders consisting of 5 Modules delivered over 10 hours will be held in the following areas:

Ballincollig

11th March – 8th April
(Wednesday Evenings)

Carrigaline

11th March- 8th April
(Wednesday Evenings)

Dunmanway

7th – 28th April
(Tuesday Evenings)

Mallow

28th March & 4th April (2 Saturdays)

East Cork

7th & 14th March (2 Saturdays)

North Cork

18th & 25th April (2 Saturdays)
Venues to be confirmed

Training Courses

The Cork County Childcare Committee Ltd. will be organising a series of subsidised Occupational First Aid, incorporating Paediatric First Aid, Refresher First Aid and Manual Handling courses in March and April 2009. The courses will be held in three locations throughout the County. Services will be informed of the specific detail in the next few weeks. For further information on the location and dates please contact the main office on 022 23880. 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 certificate in order to be eligible to undertake the training.

Important Notice!! Number Change

The telephone number for the Cork County Childcare Committee in Dunmanway has changed. It is now 023 8855962.

Dhá éinín bheaga

Dhá éinín bheaga,
Thuas ar an gcrann,
Seo é Peadar,
Seo é Séan.
Imigh uaim, a Pheadair!
Imigh uaim, a Sheáin!
Tar ar ais, a Pheadair!
Tar ar ais, a Sheáin!

Two Little Dickie Birds

Two little birds,
Upon a tree,
This is Peter,
This is John.
Off you go, Peter!
Off you go, John!
Come back, Peter!
Come back, John!

Childcare Networks

Ballincollig Childcare Networks will meet on Wednesday 4th March at the Westgate Foundation 7.30 - 9.30pm. "Stepping into Spring" is the theme for the Arts and Crafts workshop delivered by Avril O'Brien.

Observation Workshop

Lucy Connolly from the IPPA will host an Observation workshop on the 23rd March in Macroom Family Resource Centre with follow up on 27th of April in Banteer Community Services. To book your place call 022 23880

Childminding Week

"Síolta- Watering the seeds of Quality in Childminding"

Childminding Week will take place between 28th March to 3rd April 2009.
Events and activities planned by the Cork County Childcare Committee.

Monday 30th March 10.30 - 12.30pm **"Potting the seeds" at Griffin Garden Centre, Dripsey.**
Please reserve your place with Noreen or Gretta @ 023 55962

Tuesday 31st March 7-9pm **Irish Rhymes and Songs**
Quality Awareness Programme (QAP) reunion in Dunmanway

Wednesday 1st April 10.30 - 12.30pm **Play activity session in the Dunmanway office**

Wednesday 1st April 7.30 - 9.30pm **QAP in Ballincollig**

Wednesday 1st April 10.30am - 1pm **Balloon Magician in Mallow Library**
All welcome, Free of charge

Thursday 2nd April **Blackpool Shopping Centre**
Shared information stand with Cork City Childcare

Friday 3rd April **Wilton Shopping Centre**
Shared information Stand with Cork City Childcare

For further information please contact Cork County Childcare Committee

Pyjama Day 2009

The NCNA Pyjama Day is being held on the 29th March 2009. It is in aid of the Make a Wish Foundation. Packs are available from the NCNA office and are available to any childcare service.

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