



Newsletter

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Childcare Costs Survey

On Wednesday 27th March 2018 each childcare provider in the country was emailed a link to the above survey. The results from this survey of childcare providers will feed into the development of a cost model and cost calculator for childcare provision. Importantly, the results will also inform the Estimates Process for Budget 2019 and for subsequent budgets.

The survey would have come from childcarecostsurvey@crowehorwath.ie. If you have not received this email, please check your spam. If it is not in your spam please contact Crowe Horwath at childcarecostsurvey@crowehorwath.ie or 01-4482200.

Upcoming training

Safe sleep information session

As you may be aware the **Sleep for your Baby – Reduce the Risk of Cot Death** booklet and poster have been revised and updated recently. Fingal County Childcare Committee has always focussed on ensuring that early year's providers in Fingal are kept informed of matters that influence high quality provision and practice for the sector. To support providers, FCCC have asked Karina Hamilton a Researcher from Temple Street Children's Hospital to give a talk on the newly revised and updated '*Safe Sleep for your Baby – Reduce the Risk of Cot Death*'.

Places are still available.

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Thursday 12 th April 2018	6.30pm – 7.30pm	The Riasc Centre, Feltrim Road, Swords

To book a space email info@fingalcountychildcare.ie or call the office on (01) 4851727

Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Training

The final round of this very popular training (15 hours) is being offered on the dates below and attendance at each session is required. To book a space email sile@fingalcountychildcare.ie or call the office on (01) 4851727.

Please note: "Participation in the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion training programme is not mandatory for pre-school practitioners. However, participation is strongly encouraged by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs as completion of this training will assist pre-school providers to deliver an inclusive pre-school experience, which is the cornerstone of AIM."

Venue	Dates	Time	√
EDI-41 Crosscare Main Street Blanchardstown Village Dublin 15	Monday 18th June 2018 Monday 25th June 2018 Monday 2nd July 2018 Monday 9th July 2018	2.00pm to 8.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm	
EDI-53 Castlelands Community Centre Balbriggan Co Dublin	Saturday 12th May 2018 Wednesday 16th May 2018 Wednesday 23rd May 2018 Wednesday 30th May 2018	9.30am to 4.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm	
EDI- 54 The RIASC Centre Feltrim Rd Swords	Saturday 12th May 2018 Tuesday 15th May 2018 Tuesday 22nd May 2018 Tuesday 29th May 2018	9.30am to 4.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm	

Booking Deposits

In recent weeks we have had a number of queries into the office from both parents and providers on this topic. The following is taken from Rules for DCYA childcare funding programmes.

ECCE- Early Childhood Care and Education

A childcare provider may charge a refundable booking deposit to hold a place in the ECCE provision for a child. The maximum deposit a provider may charge is equivalent to **four weeks'** ECCE payment. The deposit must be returned to the parent once the child's registration is approved on PIP.

Community Childcare Subvention (CCS), Community Childcare Subvention Plus (CCSP) (Including Universal Subsidy (CCSU))

A childcare provider may charge new parents a refundable booking deposit to hold a place for a child. The maximum deposit a provider may charge is equivalent to **two weeks'** payment. The full amount of the DCYA subvention held on deposit must be refunded to the parent once the child's registration is approved. When and how the balance of the deposit is returned to the parent is a matter for the provider.

For example: Where a service's weekly fee is €200 and the subvention due is €145, the service may charge a two week deposit of €400. Once the registration has been approved the service will refund the amount of €290 to the parent.

Community Childcare Subvention Resettlement & Community Childcare Subvention Resettlement (Transitional) - CCSR (T)

Childcare providers may **not** request booking deposits from parents to hold a place.

Training and Employment Childcare (TEC)

A childcare provider may charge new parents a refundable booking deposit to hold a place for a child. The maximum deposit a provider may charge is equivalent to **two weeks** total payment. The full amount of the DCYA subvention held on deposit must be refunded to the parent once the child's registration is approved. When and how the balance of the deposit is returned to the parent is a matter for the provider.

For example: Where a service's weekly fee is €200 and the subvention due is €145 the service may charge a two week deposit of €400. Once the registration has been approved the service will refund the amount of €290 to the parent.

Learning Story Success

Huge congratulations to Bizzy Bees, Loughshinny, Co. Dublin winner of the February 2018 Early Childhood Ireland Learning Story Award 'to construct or de-construct'

In Bizzy Bees, the children were invested in discovery. This was provoked when they observed the educator open and investigate a balance beam she had recently bought in Ikea. The children soon took over and their competence was oozing as they assembled it for her. These curiosities led the children to disassemble many things in their environment to see what could be inside...

<https://www.earlychildhoodireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/To-Construct-or-De-Construct-thats-the-question.pdf>