

What we do for Parents/Guardians?

One of Dublin City Childcare Committee's (DCCC) key objectives is to work with parents and families to provide support and advice in sourcing the best possible early years solution to meet their family's needs and circumstances.

DCCC welcome calls from parents/guardians or members of the public who are looking for childcare or have queries related to early years care, our team are more than happy to provide information, advice or support.

Are you looking for help to find Early Years Services in the Dublin City Area?

Childcare search: We have a Childcare Directory search tool on the homepage of our website www.childcareonline.ie. Here parents/guardians can search for childcare options in their local area. Our directory allows you to narrow down your choices according to a service's area code, the range of programmes the service provides (e.g. Full Time, Part Time, Sessional, School Age etc.) and the DCYA National Childcare Funding Schemes they offer. This listing of services includes Early Years services and Statutory and Voluntary Notified Childminders. Under the Parent's section of our website, we have included information and guidance on making an informed decision when choosing early childhood care and education, including advice on Beginning your Search, Choosing an Early Years Service and the Next Steps to take.

If you have any queries related to early childhood care and education within Dublin City please contact our office for information and advice.

Parent & Toddler Groups

DCCC are available to support Parent & Toddler Groups by providing information and guidance in relation to set up and general support throughout the lifespan of the group. DCCC also provide administrative support in relation to Parent & Toddler grant applications.

Under the Parents section of our website www.childcareonline.ie, there is a section dedicated to Parent & Toddler groups. In this section, you will also find a list of Parent & Toddler groups operating in the Dublin City Area.

If you require additional information on Parent & Toddler Groups including guidance on setting up, contact the office by calling 01 8733696 or email info@dccc.ie

How can I access support?

Dublin City Childcare Committee's (DCCC) experienced and qualified Development Officers work in partnership with services on their journey to providing quality early childhood experiences and environments to children and families. We also work to provide support and advice to parents and families in sourcing the best possible early years solution to meet their family's needs and circumstances.

For more information on the types of support we provide or to request further support please get in touch with us, our staff team are available to answer your call.

Please note: Early Years services outside of DCCC's catchment area should contact their local City or County Childcare Committee



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Background to Dublin City Childcare Committee CLG

Dublin City Childcare Committee CLG (DCCC) was established in 2002 and is one of 30 City and County Childcare Committees operating nationally. We are funded directly by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) to develop, support and enhance early childhood services within the remit of Dublin City.

We are the first point of contact for anyone seeking advice and information in relation to early childhood care and education, including parents, providers, practitioners, childminders and parent & toddler groups.

In DCCC, we have a dedicated staff team based in our Arran Quay offices who are available to provide support related to the early years sector. Our qualified staff team have a strong knowledge and a wide range of experience and skills related to the early years sector.



What we do for Early Years Providers & Practitioners

One of Dublin City Childcare Committee's (DCCC) main objectives is to work proactively and in partnership with the sector to encourage best practice, quality, sustainable and effective early years services for children. We offer a wide variety of services to early years providers, practitioners and School Age services as detailed below.

DCCC are available to provide guidance and information to new as well as existing services. Our Quality Support and Business Support teams work in partnership with services on their journey to providing quality early childhood experiences and environments to children and families.

We provide advice and information to early years services through a range of supports including:

- Over the phone and email support and advice on a range of topics including quality development, compliance, the National Childcare Funding Programmes, business support and sustainability.
- Advice on setting up an early years business.
- Quality Support and Business Support Mentoring and on-site visits as requested.
- Providing information and assistance to services in order to comply with the Early Years Regulations, Early Years Education Focused Inspections (DES) and Pobal Compliance visits.
- Providing a range of continuous professional development training, workshops and events for early years providers, practitioners and childminders.
- A range of supports through the National Síolta Aistear Initiative including the Síolta Quality Assurance Programme
- Assistance with development of policies and procedures.
- Assistance with referral to Better Start Quality Development Support.
- Mentoring support through DCCC's Business Management Development Programme in areas such as Business Growth and Development, General Management, Financial Management including Sustainability, Policies and Procedures, Human Resources, Marketing, Quality and Corporate Governance.

What we do for Childminders

Dublin City Childcare Committee (DCCC) work with home based Childminders through the provision of information and advice on setting up a Childminding service, access to continuous professional development training and events and supporting them to become Voluntary Notified. The Childminders section of our website www.childcareonline.ie includes information on setting up a home based childminding service including a Childminders Support Pack, information about Statutory and Voluntary Notification and useful links and documents.



Training and Events

Dublin City Childcare Committee (DCCC) provide a range of continuous professional development training and events for early years practitioners, providers and childminders to respond to the ever changing and evolving sector. The various training we provide is organised in response to the needs and interests of those working in the early years sector and tailored to the current challenges and developments in the sector.

The training we provide includes:

- Always Children First Child Protection Training
- Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Charter and Guidelines Training (as part of AIM Access and Inclusion Universal Supports)
- Introductory workshops and mentoring including mentoring during the engagement with Síolta Quality Assurance Programme (QAP)
- Various Continuous Professional Development workshops to meet the needs of the sector.
- Best Practice Quality Support Seminar and other seminars focusing on themes such as professionalism and business.
- We also offer seminars and workshops for parents/guardians.