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Welcome to the latest issue of Early Years eNews

In this issue of Early Year eNews we bring you updates about the long-awaited National Early Years Strategy. When in place, this Strategy will help to ensure that the importance of early childhood is widely recognised. It will support all children in Ireland to have their needs met and to develop to their full potential through positive learning experiences in all environments.

This issue brings you updates about other developments in the early years sector as well as other issues pertaining to children and families. We also have information about Barnardos training events, new publications available and additions to our library resources.

If you have any comments or suggestions about our Early Years eNewsletter [we would love to hear from you.](#)

The next issue of Early Years eNews will be out in September. We hope you all have a lovely sunny summer, just don't forget the sunscreen!

Sinéad

Meet Our Team - Training Department Administration Worker, Lorna Lee

In 2007, I began work as a project administrator in one of Barnardos early years services. I moved in 2013 to the a joint role in the HR department and Learning and Development Service. In my current role, I co-ordinate Barnardos Internet Safety and Cyberbullying workshops. Our panel of trainers



deliver these to schools and organisations nationwide. I love getting feedback from children, teachers and parents on this challenging and ever-changing topic. I also look after all the finance procedures for Barnardos tailored and public training events. Before starting in Barnardos, I ran a group in our local youth club and volunteered in summer projects, regional youth services and intercultural groups. In my spare time I love to watch football and athletics. I enjoy watching films and I'm addicted to boxsets. You can contact me training@barnardos.ie

News and Developments

National Early Years Strategy

On 7th June, an open policy debate was held on the Early Years Strategy. The Strategy will set out the Government's comprehensive plans to improve the lives of young children and their families. The Strategy will have three high level goals:

1. Strong and supported families;
2. Good physical and mental health; and
3. Positive early learning experiences



[You can read Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Dr Katherine Zappone's speech at the debate here.](#)

This follows on from Investing in Every Child: A Panel Discussion on the forthcoming National Early Years Strategy which was held by the Children's Rights Alliance in May. The Panel Discussion focused on the priorities for the Strategy to give every child the best start in life. Chaired by Tom Costello, Chair of the Children's Rights Alliance, panel members included Frances Byrne, Directory of Policy and Advocacy, Early Childhood Ireland; Marian Quinn, Chair, Prevention and Early Intervention Network; Denise McCormilla, CEO, National Childhood Network; and Orla Touchy, National Parenting Lead with the Lifestart Foundation. A keynote address was delivered by Minister Zappone.

National Parents Council

Minister Zappone has announced a 'key partnership' with the [National Parents Council](#) 'to give parent's a voice in early years care and education'. As part of new supports on offer, The National Parents Council has been holding seminars for parents throughout June on the transition from preschool to primary school.

Montessori & Early Childhood Professionals Ireland (MECPI)

To celebrate ten years as a community of practice, Montessori & Early Childhood Professionals Ireland (MECPI) has invited a number of key contributors to [write for their blog](#). Contributors include Professor Nóirín Hayes, Dr. Geraldine French, Professor Mathias Urban, Dr Sheila Long, Dr Mary Moloney, Arlene Forster, Ciairín de Buis and Máire Mhic Mhathuna.

LINC Programme Wins Award

The Leadership for INClusion in the Early Years (LINC) programme has won the prestigious [Jennifer Burke Award](#), an annual accolade which recognises and rewards innovative practice in the areas of teaching and learning. LINC received the award for [a submission](#) that highlighted the innovative nature of its framework entitled *Competency-Based Framework ensuring the Inclusion of Children with Additional Needs in Early Years' Settings*.



National Childhood Services Week

Ireland's first National Childhood Services Week took place last week, organised by NCN, the [National Childhood Network](#), a quality support organisation working to promote high quality standards in creche, preschool, after school and childminding services. The initiative aims to raise the visibility of the childhood sector and the value of childhood services for both children, families, communities, as well as Ireland's economic and social development.



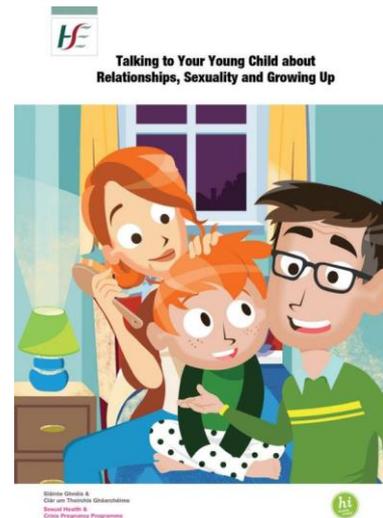
NCN is also part of a new Cross Border Shared Education Programme for preschool service providers recently launched. To find out more about this programme visit www.sharingfromthestart.org

Ask About Parenting

A [new website](#) has been launched to promote information about and access to the Triple P Positive Parenting Programmes in the Midlands. The site also has Triple P podcasts and blogs addressing some common parenting concerns.

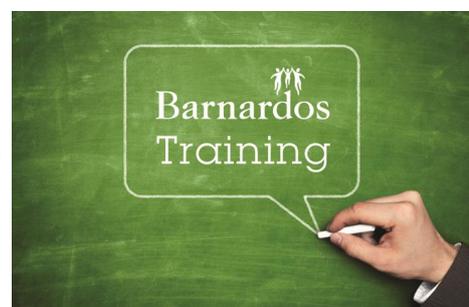
New Parenting Resource from HSE

Research led by Dr Catherine Conlon, Assistant Professor in Social Policy at the School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College, Dublin has found that parents want more support when it comes to communicating with younger children about relationships, sexuality and growing up. Stemming from this, the HSE has created two free resources for parents. A parents guide, 'Talking to Your Young Child about Relationships, Sexuality and Growing up' and a story booklet 'Tom's Power Flower, a gentle explanation of how babies are made'. [Order free copies or download both books.](#)



Barnardos Training and Consultancy

Barnardos suite of training for professionals based on best practice principles when working with children and families are open to participants from a wide range of organisations across the community, voluntary, statutory, public and private sectors.



Topics include:

- Children First, Child Protection Training
- Designated Liaison Person Training
- Making the Most of Supervision Training
- Promoting Positive Behaviour Training
- Early Years Practice Development Training (including Reflective Practice, Quality Adult-child Interactions, Play and the Environment)

If you require training for your team contact training@barnardos.ie /01 4530355

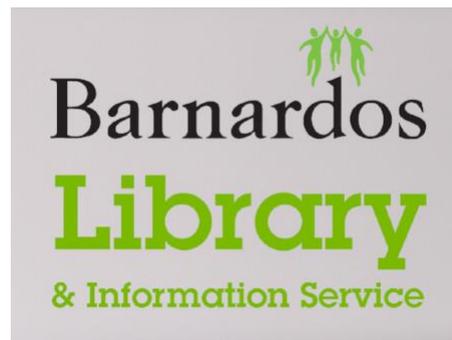
What other organisations say:

“We at CTI College of Further Education Clonmel chose Barnardos for our 2017 Children First Child Protection Training because we knew from our previous experience in dealing with Barnardos training that a comprehensive and professional workshop would be delivered which would be tailored to the specific needs of our childcare students. It also had the most relevant, up-to-date content and was delivered in an engaging manner using case studies, discussions and lots of interactive learning with our students. The students were very happy with their training and particularly liked the way it appealed to all the different learning styles. The students now feel competent in knowing what to do should they encounter any child protection query in their work. They are also more aware of their legal obligations as Early Years Workers and the correct reporting procedures.”

Sharon Crean, Level 5 Childcare Co-ordinator, CTI College of Further Education, Clonmel

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New Early Years Resources in Barnardos Library

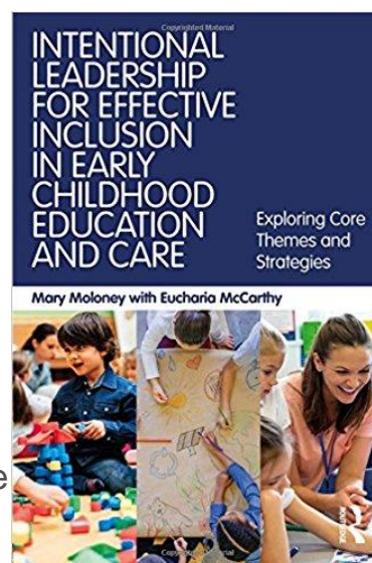


The following titles have been added to the [Barnardos' Library catalogue](#) and are available to borrow by members of the library.

[Intentional leadership for effective inclusion in early childhood education and care: Exploring core themes and strategies](#)

Authors: Moloney, Mary & McCarthy, Eucharía.
Routledge, 2018

This is a comprehensive new guide for students, teachers and practitioners involved in Early Childhood Education and Care, Social Care and Early Intervention programmes. It recognises diverse manifestations of special educational needs, from communication difficulties and delays in learning, to social and physical disabilities, and considers the ways in which these needs might be embraced within inclusive mainstream settings. The guide acknowledges the robust and purposeful leadership that removes barriers to learning, changes existing attitudes and values, motivates staff and foregrounds holistic learning opportunities and experiences.



[To compliance and beyond: A guide for early years services](#)

Author: Dublin City Childcare Committee,
Dublin City Childcare Committee, 2018.

[Ambitions for transitions: A guide to support every child's progression from early years services to primary school](#)

Author: ABC Start Right Limerick.
ABC Start Right Limerick , 2018

[Child protection in the early years : A practical guide](#)

Author: Lumsden, Eunice.
Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2018

[Listening to young children : A guide to understanding and using the mosaic approach](#)

Author: Clark, Alison
Jessica Kingsley Publishers 2017

[Learning through child observation \(3rd ed\)](#)

Authors: Fawcett, Mary & Watson, Debbie
Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2016

Benefits of Library Membership

- Borrowing rights to [Library collection](#)
- Full off-site access to [eBooks](#), Databases and [Research Journals](#)
- Subscription to Childlinks, Barnardos' journal (3 issues per year)
- Monthly Members' eUpdate – including updates on the latest research and reports
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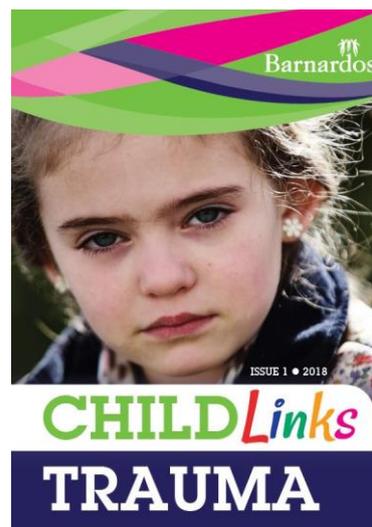
Contact the Library for more details. Tel: 01 4549699 or
email: resources@barnardos.ie

Barnardos Publications

New Publication - ChildLinks

Issue 1, 2018 Trauma

This issue of ChildLinks look at how trauma can impact on children's daily life and their ability to function and interact with others. It also considers how interventions, where young children and their families learn about the impact of trauma and what they can do about it, can support children to develop the skills they need to be resilient no matter what adversity comes their way. Included are articles from The National Child Traumatic Stress Network in the US, the Evaluation of the TLC Kidz Programme for Children and Mothers Recovering From Domestic Abuse, the Irish Childhood Bereavement Network, PIP UK and TraumaSmart among others.



[Buy this issue online now.](#)

Recent publications - available free

Learning Together (2nd Edition)

The aim of this free booklet is to provide parents with information about the value of early childhood learning and the impact it can have on a child's quality of life, their whole development and their future opportunities and experiences. This booklet is available to download from [our online shop](#). You can order hard copies by emailing resources@barnardos.ie



We will be publishing a number of new titles in the coming months on the topics below. Keep an eye on [our website](#) for more details.

- Nurturing Babies' Learning and Development in the Early Years
- Arts in the Early Years
- Early Years Policies, Procedures and Statements

Upcoming Events

EECERA Conference

When: 28-31 August 2018

Where: Budapest, Hungary

The [28th EECERA Annual Conference](#) will seek to explore and address three key questions:

- How do early childhood services work more positively and proactively with parents, families and local communities to support children's home learning and development and what are the critical areas?

- How can multi-professional and multi-agency services be enabled to work more collaboratively with young children and families?
- What is the balance between universal, local strategies and individual family approaches in supporting children's learning and well-being?

Irish Foster Care Association National Conference

When: 2-4 November 2018

Where: Radisson Blu Hotel, Limerick

The Irish Foster Care Association National Conference brings together all those with an interest in foster care, including general and relative foster carers, care leavers, health and social care practitioners, academics, students, teachers, policy makers, and members of the community and voluntary sector to learn together, engage in dialogue, and share their experiences and best practice. The theme of this year's conference is Fostering Stability. For more information contact IFCA Learning and Development, Maeve Healy, at maeve.healy@ifca.ie or Niamh Barrett, at niamh.barrett@ifca.ie.

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