

 **Barnardos**  
Early Years eNews



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In this first issue of Early Years eNews for 2024, we bring you updates from across the ECEC sector including the OECD Starting Strong Teaching and Learning International Survey, the 2023 State of the Nation's Children report, consultation on the draft childminding regulations and more. We also have information about the latest from Barnardos Learning and Development team.

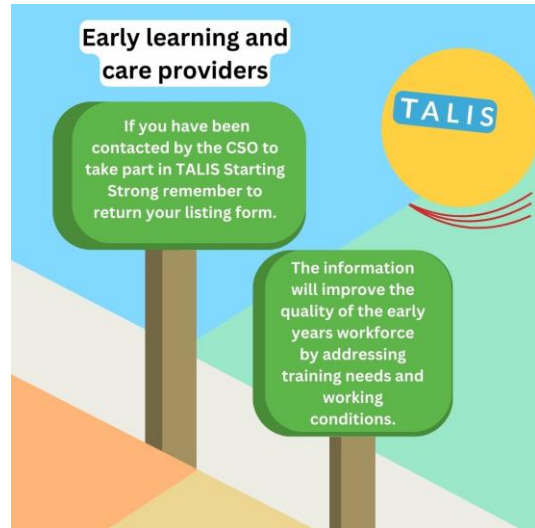
As always, if you have any information queries that we can help you with please don't hesitate to contact us at [resources@barnardos.ie](mailto:resources@barnardos.ie). For regular updates [join us on Facebook](#).

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**Updates from Across the Sector**

For the first time, this year Ireland is participating in the OECD Starting Strong Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS Starting Strong). Recruitment for the survey is already underway. If your service has been selected, it is important that you complete and return the 'listing form' included in your information pack.



Recently published:

- The [2023 edition of the State of the Nation's Children \(SONC\) report](#), which provides a comprehensive picture of the lives of children in Ireland, including key information on children's health, behavioural and educational outcomes, and relationships.
- The [report of the Independent Financial Review of Sessional Early Learning and Childcare Services](#) by Frontier Economics
- The [End-of-Year Three Evaluation of the Access and Inclusion Model \(AIM\)](#)

In other news:

- Early Childhood Ireland has shared the final learning report and a video from the [Enhancing Quality in Family Day Care \(Childminding\)](#) project.
- [Consultation on the draft childminding regulations](#) offering all stakeholders an opportunity to have their say on the regulations in running from now until Thursday, 2 May.
- [Pobal's Early Learning and Childcare Data website](#) has been launched.
- The Dept of Education has updated [A Guide to Early Years Education Inspection](#)
- The current inspection Disputed Findings process, now called Inspection Findings Review (IFR) process, has been extensively reviewed and enhanced. Information about the process can be found [here](#). All relevant documents, including guidance documents to support you with the new

process, are available on Tusla [Inspection Tools and Templates webpage](#).

- Finally, Children’s Books Ireland are partnering once again with a range of other organisations to get the whole country reading in the lead up to Ireland Reads Day on Saturday, 24 February. Check [irelandreads.ie](http://irelandreads.ie) for details

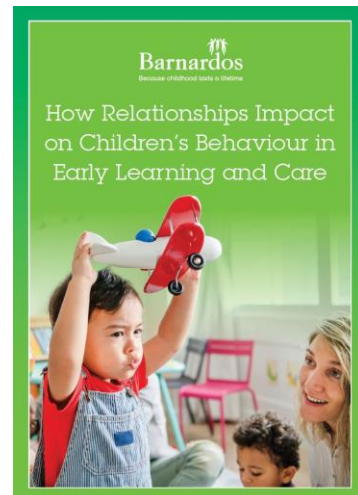
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## Updates from Barnardos

### New Free Resources

#### [How Relationships Impact on Children’s Behaviour in Early Learning and Care](#)

is a new free resource from Barnardos that will support those working with young children in an Early Learning and Care (ELC) setting to better understand children’s behaviour. It explores how, by building and maintaining trusting relationships with them, we can help young children to learn how to manage and express their big feelings, how to self-regulate, and how to behave in situations of stress and conflict.



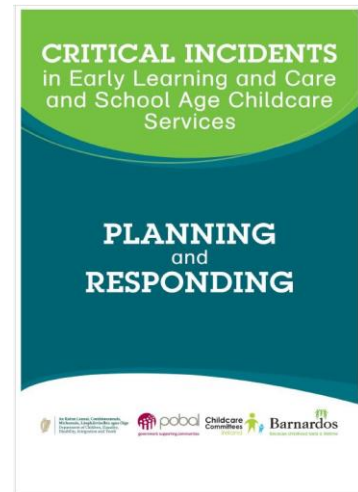
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The first two resources in Barnardos new series on responding to trauma in ELC looking at how children experiencing [Traumatic Grief](#) and [Domestic Abuse](#) are now available..



Two new documents have been published to support setting with critical incidents.

- [Planning and Responding](#) supports settings to think about and plan for critical incidents and to have practical supports in place should it be necessary to respond to a critical incident.
- [Supporting Children's Emotional Wellbeing](#) provides information on the kinds of support that will help children to cope better following a critical incident, which will have a positive impact on their wellbeing.



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## Barnardos Library

### Our New Library Space is Open!

Barnardos Library has moved into a new dedicated space in Christchurch Square, which is both brighter and provides more privacy, to offer an enhanced experience for both visitors and members. Lower shelving provides more accessibility to the collection too. Feel free to pop in any time, we'd love to see you!

### Barnardos Library Open Access eBook Collection

Barnardos Library now offers access to [a collection of open access eBooks](#) on topics including early years education, family support, bereavement support, post-adoption support and community well-being. No memberships or logins are required.

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## Barnardos Training



We have a [number of public training events](#) coming up this spring on a wide range of topics, including child protection, reflective practice and infant mental health. Some upcoming webinars you may be particularly interested in include:

- [Supervision in Early Learning and Care](#) - 27 February, 7pm
- [Dealing with Difficult Calls in Early Learning and Care](#) - 12 March, 6.30pm
- [Sharing Developmental Concerns with Parents](#) - 19 March, 7pm

You will find information on all of these on [our website](#) or to discuss these or any of your training needs with one of our team [contact us now](#).

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