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## Welcome to the latest issue of Childcare eNews

In this issue of Childcare eNews we bring you details of a number of recently published reports including the Pobal Annual Early Years Sector Survey, Holistic Early Childhood Development Index Framework and NEYAI evaluation reports. There is also news of two recent appointments and other updates from the early years sector.



As always we bring you up to date on Barnardos publications, training events and library.

Regards

Sinéad Lawton

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## News and Developments

### **New Minister for Children and Youth Affairs**

Barnardos welcomes the appointment of James Reilly, TD as Minister for Children and Youth Affairs. We look forward to work alongside the Minister to ensure children are given the priority they deserve.

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### **Thank You!**

Friday 19th September was a very special day for Barnardos. All over the country people gave their time and money in a show of [support for Aoife](#) and the many

thousands of children Barnardos works with every day. Whether you shook a bucket or threw in a few coins, donated online or texted “Bucket” to 50300 to donate €4, you have made a difference.

We are now busy counting the coins so it will take us a little while to establish just how much we raised, but we will let you know as soon as we do. In the meantime though, on behalf of the children we work with, **thank you so much.**

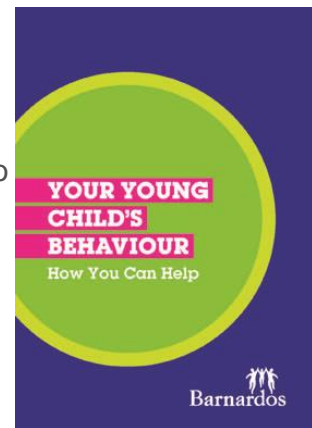
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## Free Booklet for Parents on Children's Behaviour

### *Your young child's behaviour - How you can help*

Barnardos has produced a new free booklet for parents of young children up to the age of six. It will give parents a better understanding of their child's behaviour and what it is that their child is trying to communicate through their behaviour. It also highlights skills which parents will find helpful in managing how their child behaves.

[Download this booklet for free here.](#) For a hard copy email us on [resources@barnardos.ie](mailto:resources@barnardos.ie)



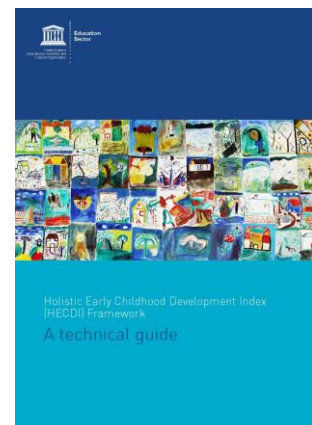
[Download the Irish Version here.](#) (Not available in hard copy)

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## Holistic Early Childhood Development Index (HECDI) Framework

[The Holistic Early Childhood Development Index \(HECDI\) Framework](#) offers a set of targets, subtargets and indicators for the holistic monitoring of young children's well-being at both country and international levels. [A technical guide has just been published](#) which contains information on the following:

- The rationale behind the HECDI framework and the framework development process.
- The first steps countries should take in using the HECDI Framework to inform planning and policy-making.



- How countries can help build HECDI by contributing data for existing indicators and assisting in new indicator development.
- The case for an inter-sectoral approach to providing holistic ECCE support and some of the realities of planning for and implementing holistic early childhood systems.
- The HECDI targets and subtargets and data sources for the proposed indicators.

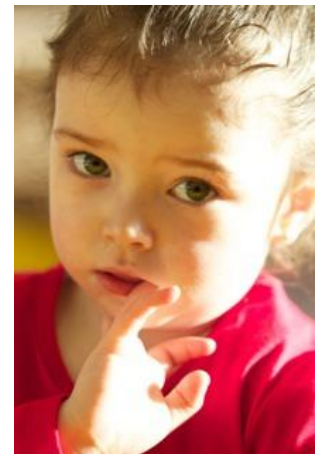
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## Early Years Care and Education

### Pobal Annual Early Years Sector Survey 2013 Report

[The Pobal Annual Early Years Sector Survey 2013 Report](#) is now available. The Report contains an in-depth analysis of the early years sector and provides information under a range of headings, including:

- Service details and provision
- Staffing (numbers, levels of qualifications, turnover, etc.)
- Fees
- Child Protection
- Interactions with Pobal, CCCs, etc.



[The Report](#) also includes a detailed breakdown of information on all staff working directly with children (category of employment, level of qualifications, length of time working in the service, age range they work with) and feedback on the Childcare Capital 2013 process.

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### The National Early Years Quality Support Service

Pobal has announced the appointment of Dr Margaret Rogers as the National Manager of the National Early Years Quality Support Service. A graduate of Trinity College Dublin, Margaret has extensive experience of working in both leadership and management positions both within NGOs and public service organisations who provide services to children, families and community groups. Margaret previously worked with Barnardos in various positions including as Regional Manager.

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## Major Review of Early Years Education and Training Programmes

The Minister for Education and Skills, Jan O' Sullivan TD, has announced the first major review of education and training programmes that lead to qualifications in the early years care and education sector. [Read more on this here.](#)

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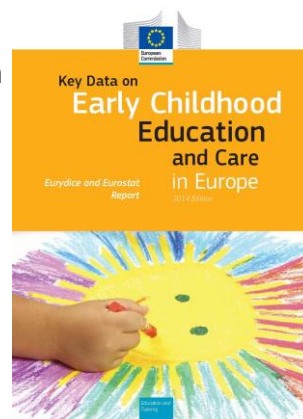
## NEYAI - Local Level Evaluation Reports

Some of the local level evaluation reports of NEYAI projects are now available online [here](#).



## Key Data on Early Childhood Care and Education in Europe

A major report has just been published by Eurydice and Eurostat providing extensive data on early childhood care and education in 32 countries. The 200-page report, [Key Data on Early Childhood Education and Care in Europe](#), is the first of its kind and shows both the similarities and the differences between early years provision in Ireland and elsewhere.



## Barnardos Publications

### Quality Adult-Child Interactions in Early Years Services

[This new publication](#) from Barnardos supports early childhood practitioners to explore current theory and best practice on the central core role of their profession: relationships and interactions, quite simply on 'being with' young children. The book will guide practitioners in their day-to-day practice and can be used as a tool for continuing professional development.

Watch the [short video](#) below for more information.



[You can buy this book online now for 25 euro](#) or contact us at [resources@barnardos.ie](mailto:resources@barnardos.ie) or phone 01 4530355

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### **Spaces to be Me: Quality Environments in Early Years Services**

[Spaces to Be Me](#) supports early years educators with the ideas, knowledge and resources needed to provide quality environments for the children with whom they work. It encourages reflection on all aspects of the environment, both indoors and outdoors, natural and man-made, and includes the hard and soft features, the interactions, the equipment and resources that educators should provide to make their environments as stimulating, rich and nurturing in response to children's needs as they can.



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### **ChildLinks (Issue 2, 2014) Parental Mental Health**

This latest edition of ChildLinks look at the issue of parental mental health, its potential impact on children and the need for integrated supports and services for families experiencing mental health difficulties. There are articles from Barnardos; See Change –The National Mental Health Stigma Reduction Partnership; Think Family, Northern Ireland; and both parent’s and child carer’s perspectives.

[Buy this publication now online for 3 euro.](#)



**Subscription to ChildLinks, issued three times per year, is included in the annual membership fee of Barnardos’ Library. For non-members there is a charge of €3 per issue (plus postage) or an annual subscription of €12 inclusive of postage. If you are not a member and would like to take out a subscription please [contact us.](#)**

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## Barnardos Training and Consultancy

### Continuing Professional Development Autumn/Winter 2014

- Designated Liaison Persons Masterclass - Tuesday 4 November, The Carmelite Centre, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2
- Paediatric First Aid - Saturday 8 November - The Killeshin Hotel, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, Co Laois
- Children First, Child Protection Training - Saturday 15 November, The Maldron Hotel, Cardiff Street, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2
- Children First, Child Protection Training - Saturday 29 November, Cork City Centre - venue to be confirmed shortly

To discuss your tailored training requirements, please contact Barnardos Training Service at [training@barnardos.ie](mailto:training@barnardos.ie) tel: 01 4530355.

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# Barnardos Library and Information Service

## New Membership Scheme

[Barnardos Library and Information Service](#) provides information and a range of resources on child and family issues including child protection, child development early childhood care and education and parenting. Some of the many benefits of membership include:



### *Resources*

- Borrow Library Resources
- E-books Collection: 24/7 online access
- Access a range of child-related research journals
- Database and internet searches: member-only literature search service
- Social Policy and Practice: access to this database which provide evidence-based research for those working within social services, social care
- Free Subscription to ChildLinks, Barnardos' journal on child related issues

### *Discounts*

- 10% discount on all Barnardos public training events and publications
- 25% discount on first publication order for new members

### *Updates*

- Research updates
- First notice on upcoming training events and publication launches
- Library New Arrivals newsletter on new resources in the library
- Childcare E-News

Membership Fees for one year: Individual €60.00; Student €35.00; Corporate €50.00 per person for teams of three members or more.

[Join online](#) today or [find out more information](#).

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## Upcoming Events

### **Let's Talk About Leaving Care**

**Date:** 2nd October 2014

**Venue:** Dublin Castle

To celebrate the 2nd Annual National Care Leaver's Day EPIC and Care Leaver's Ireland are hosting an innovative conference aimed at young people moving towards Aftercare, in Aftercare and Aftercare Professionals. The Conference will be opened by – Dr. James Reilly T.D., Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.

[Click here for more information.](#)

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### **Marte Meo Conference with Maria Aarts 'Getting the best start: Developing through daily supportive interactions'**

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014, 9.00 am

**Venue:** Dublin – Aisling Hotel, Dublin 8

This conference is of interest to anyone working with families and young children, including Early Childhood Educators, Community and Social Workers, Early Childhood Development Workers and Mentors, Teachers, Tutors, Lecturers and those involved in policy making in the area of education and social care. [More information is available here.](#)

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### **Developments in Early Intervention and Family Support: Assessing the Impact for Children**

**Date:** 22nd October 2014

**Venue:** Ballymascanlon House Hotel, Dundalk.

Child Care in Practice is hosting a learning conference in partnership with the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership on 'Developments in Early Intervention and Family Support: Assessing the Impact for Children'. The event aims to share developments in family support, on both sides of the



border and review the progress on policy implementation. With key note speakers, presentations and interactive workshops, this is sure to be an event not to be missed.

Contact [childcareinpractice@qub.ac.uk](mailto:childcareinpractice@qub.ac.uk) to register your interest.

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