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In this issue of Early Years eNews we bring you all the latest updates from the Department of Children & Youth Affairs, including the launch of the National Quality Guidelines for School Age Childcare Services which is a great development for children, families and for the sector. We also include information about other developments from across the sector, as well as information about new Barnardos publications and online training events.

If you have any information queries that we can help you with please don't hesitate to contact us at resources@barnardos. For daily updates [join us on Facebook](#).

All the best

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Publications Coordinator

News and Developments From the Sector

Department of Children and Youth Affairs

- On 24th September, Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration, Roderic O’Gorman TD, launched the [National Quality Guidelines for School Age Childcare Services](#). The National Quality Guidelines describe the features of good quality practice in childcare services for school-age children, including both after-school and holiday childcare services and will be an important resource for the diverse range of services that provide school-age childcare in Ireland today.
- There are just a few days left to [have your say](#) in the Public Consultation on the Workforce Development Plan for the Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare Sector in Ireland which closes on 2nd October.

Barnardos

- We have added to our new series of practice resource for childminders with a new resource on [Understanding Children's Behaviour](#)
- Barnardos [new survey on online safety](#) shows that over 50% of respondents believe guidance should be given from Junior Infants onwards.
- In mid-September, Barnardos launched our [annual Pre-Budget Submission](#), this year calling on the Government to invest in its key Programme for Government commitments to vulnerable children and families in Budget 2021.



Other Sources

- The Department of Education Inspectorate is continuing to expand its [Insights: Quality in Education](#) resources to support quality development in early learning and care settings with a new series of [webinars on Assessment](#).
- Early Childhood Ireland have developed two new short courses on [Inspiring Leadership in ELC](#) and Inspiring Interactions with Under 2s
- The HSE has published [new advice for parents](#) on protecting your child from Covid 19
- Better Start are coordinating the roll out of a new Continuous Professional Development initiative to support early years educators. Sensory Processing in Early Learning (SPEL) will be available on Better Start's learning platform from tomorrow and [registration is now open](#).
- The Early Intervention Foundations has published [an article outlining reasons why social and emotional learning is critical to our recovery from Covid-19](#)

Coming in October

- ECI are hosting an [Online Research Symposium](#) – a free event which will take place over a three-day period in October.

- The National Parent's Council is holding [a series of webinars for parents on Mental Health](#) with Dr Coleman Noctor.
- Tusla Early Years Inspectorate has announced that the first section of the Quality and Regulatory Framework (QRF) eLearning programme will be available and freely accessible on the Tusla website at the end of October.
- Zero to Three will hold their annual conference on 5-9th October. [Find out more.](#)

Updates from Barnardos

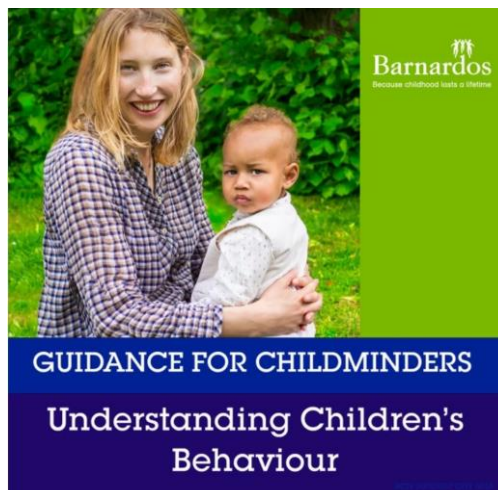
Barnardos Publications

Practice Resources for Childminders

We have added another new topic to [our new series of free practice resources for childminders.](#)

This new resource [Understanding Children's Behaviour](#) is now available to download for free along with the other topics below

- [Settling In and Developing Relationships](#)
- [Partnership with Parents](#)
- [Supporting Language Development](#)



Keep [an eye](#) for upcoming resources on Play and Storytelling. If there are any particular topic areas for childminders you would like us to cover in this series [email us](#) as we would love to hear from you.

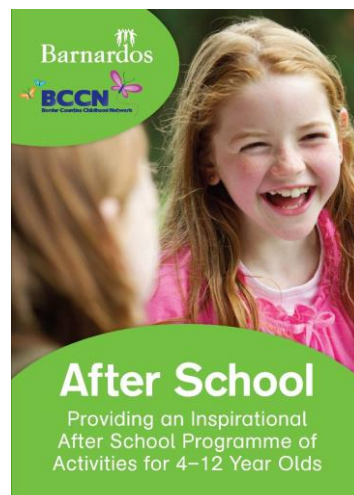
FREE eBooks for Parents and Professionals

We have a wide range of [free ebooks](#) for professionals and for parents on topics including our latest resource for parents on school age childcare. You can also freely access [all back issues of the Barnardos journal ChildLinks.](#) We have hard copies available of many of our ebooks. If you would like to place an order please [email us.](#)



Practice Supports for Early Childhood Professionals

We have a wide range of guidebooks, toolkits and practice supports for those working in ELC and school age care on topics such as learning environments, interactions, social media use, the arts, behaviour and equality & diversity.



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Barnardos Training

Free eLearning

Our free elearning courses are still open

- [An Introduction to the Rights of the Child in Early Learning and Care](#) is designed to give early childhood educators an overview of children's rights and how these rights can be embedded into daily practice.
- [The Key Person Approach](#) is a recording of a free webinar.
- [An Introduction to Learning Environments](#) is filled with practical examples, grounded in theory, to help you shape the early years environment to support a tapestry of rich experiences for children.

[Access Barnardos Free eLearning](#)

Webinars

We already have a number of webinars planned for autumn. Keep an eye on our [website](#) as we will continue to add new training events and dates over the new few weeks.

***NEW* Supervision in Early Learning and Care**

The aim of this workshop is to give guidance on the development and implementation of a supervision structure in an Early Learning and Care setting.

[Wed 28th October](#)

Designated Liaison Person Training

The aim of this two-part webinar is to equip participants with the knowledge and skills that are necessary to carry out the role of Designated Liaison Person (DLP) effectively and with competence.

[Wed/Thurs 11th/12th November](#)

Children First, Child Protection Training

The aim of this webinar is to equip those who work with children with the skills and knowledge that are necessary to deal with child protection issues in line with the Children First National Guidance for Protection and Welfare of Children (2017).

[Mon/Tues 2nd/3rd November](#)

[Mon/Tues 1st /2nd December](#)

Trauma Informed Practice

This webinar is suitable for those working in Early Childhood Care and Education who are interested in learning about adverse childhood experiences and what we can do to foster children's resilience.

[Sat 17th October](#)

Book Barnardos Training Event

Barnardos Information and Library

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- If you **work** in an Area Based Childhood Programme

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