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In this first issue of Early Years eNews for 2023, we bring you updates from DCEDIY, including proposals that will pave the way to regulate childminders, and information on a number of surveys and consultations taking place across the sector. We also have details about the latest publications, training and library offerings from Barnardos.

As always, 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](#).

Sinéad,
Publications Coordinator

Updates from Across the Sector

From DCEDIY...

- Minister Roderic O’Gorman has announced Ireland’s participation in the [OECD Starting Strong Teaching and Learning International Survey \(TALIS Starting Strong\)](#), in partnership with the Central Statistics Office (CSO). This is the first international survey of the early learning and care workforce, and aims to identify strengths of, and improvement opportunities for, early learning and care environments across different countries.



- [DCEDIY has approved proposals](#) to strengthen enforcement powers of the Tusla Early Years Inspectorate and pave the way to regulate childminders *For more from DCEDIY, read their [Early Years bulletin](#).*

Also in recent weeks...

- Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) has launched [Shared Island – Early Childhood Education and Care in Ireland and Northern Ireland](#), a new report examining ECEC policies in Ireland and Northern Ireland.
- Early Childhood Ireland are developing a new series [Early Childhood Ireland Explainers](#). These short documents have been developed by their team to describe key aspects of our sector’s work.
- There is still time to [take part in the public consultation for the review of the The Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs \(EPSEN\)](#)

[Act](#) 2004, which provides for the education of children aged under 18 years with special educational needs.

- Better Start has developed a new [Music and Movement Tip Sheet](#)

Updates from Barnardos



You can still sign up for our free elearning course, [Children Learning in Natural Outdoor Environments](#), and complete it at your own pace.

This course is suitable for all early childhood professionals. It will encourage you to reflect on the natural spaces and outdoor play experiences you provide and to think about the ways you can make learning outdoors as intriguing and engaging as possible for young children.

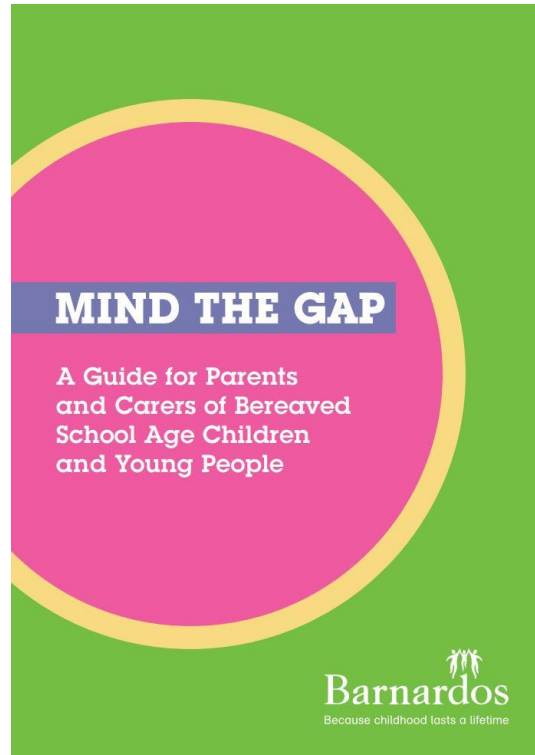
[Check Out Barnardos eLearning](#)

Barnardos Publications

Bereavement Supports

[Mind the Gap, a new free ebook from Barnardos Bereavement Service](#) is a guide for parents and carers of school age children who have been bereaved.

Both [Mind the Gap](#), and [Young Children Grieve Too](#), Barnardos ebook for parents of children under 6 who have been bereaved, are now also available in Ukrainian. You can [access these now from our website](#)



Behaviour Guide - now half price

Our popular book, *Supporting Young Children's Behaviour Skills*, is now available for half price. [Buy your copy now for just €12.50](#)

We also have [a behaviour guide for parents you can download for free.](#)

Reviewing Policies

If you are looking for guidance when reviewing your policies this year, don't forget you can access a [free guidebook, policy samples/templates and other documents](#), developed by Barnardos in collaboration with Tusla, that will help to ensure that you meet the requirements of the Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016.

[Browse Barnardos Publications](#)

[Barnardos Library](#)

Library Membership - Discount

We are delighted to provide a special discount on library membership for those who have an interest in infant mental health. Alongside all of the print and online resources available to members, you will be added to a mailing list that sends out content from *Zero to Three* and the *Journal of Infant Mental Health* when become available.



For the next month use the discount code **IMHNETWORK** to get 20% off [annual library individual membership](#).

Barnardos Knowledge Bank

[Barnardos Knowledge Bank](#) now holds over 850 open access resources produced by Barnardos over the years, from older versions of Barnardos [publications](#) to newer [booklets](#) for professionals.

Daily Digest

The Daily Digest is a curated collection of news articles focusing on children and families from a variety of sources. [Sign up now to get the Daily Digest direct into your inbox each weekday.](#)

[Find Out More About Barnardos Library](#)

Barnardos Training

We have lots of training events planned for the coming months including some new topics so keep an eye on our [website](#). Bookings are already open for the public training events below.

Training Events 2023



Building Trauma Awareness in Early Learning and Care

Date: 28th February 2023

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Cost: €15

The aim of this webinar is to introduce participants to the impact adverse childhood experiences can have on people's lives and the importance of creating trauma sensitive early years settings.

Introduction to Mental Health in Early Learning and Care

Date: 7th March 2023

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Cost: €15

The aim of this webinar is to introduce participants to the concepts of infant mental health and to consider ways to support children's social and emotional wellbeing using a relational framework.

Understanding Children's Behaviour in Early Learning and Care

Date: 14th March 2023

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Cost: €15

The aim of this is to support Early Year's Educators in understanding the factors that influence children's behaviour and to see behaviour as communication.

NEW Webinar

Building Effective Relationships with Parents

Date: 21st March 2023

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Cost: €15

The more involved parents are in their children's learning and development, the more positive the outcomes for children. Building genuine positive relationship between parents and educators is essential to establishing a partnership approach that benefits everyone, especially children.

Sharing Developmental Concerns with Parents

Date: 28th March 2023

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Cost: €15

This workshop is suitable for Early Learning and Care and School Age Childcare educators who communicate with parents and offer support, in relation to the services concerns about a child's development.

Making the Most of Supervision 3 day course for Supervisors)

Blended Learning

3 Days: 15/16.05.23 & 13.06.23

Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm

Cost: €454

This blended learning event will be held over 3 days. The aim of this course is to generate a positive relationship between supervisor and supervisee focusing on quality practice and, through this, to inspire and motivate staff in their work. More details available on the website

Tailored Training

Barnardos deliver Tailored Training events in a wide variety of topics. Our expert training is available as tailored training, provided in-house, to a group of staff or volunteers in your organisation or network. We have a team of skilled and experienced trainers who will facilitate high quality training for you and your staff to reflect your organisation's needs and interaction with children and families. Contact us to find out more: training@barnardos.ie



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Garda Vetting in Early Years Services

Barnardos' Vetting Service* can process your vetting applications for all categories of Early Years Services^. We can also process vetting applications for self-employed Childminders.

There is no fee for Early Years Services or Childminders for using this service

For more detailed information on how to apply to process vetting and the stages of the vetting process please [visit our website](#) or [email us](#) or call us on 021 4547060.

* Garda Vetting is a legal requirement for anyone undertaking "relevant work or activity", as defined in the National Vetting Bureau (Children And Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012. The Act also creates offences and penalties for persons who fail to comply with its provisions.

^Unfortunately we cannot process vetting applications for active current members of Early Childhood Ireland.



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