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Hi <<First Name>>

While the Government is still determining whether childcare workers will go into the home and mind the children of some healthcare workers, many organisation and agencies, including Barnardos, have been working on **resources to support professionals** and we look at some of these below.

We also include info on **FAQs published by DCYA** on the Covid-19 measures introduced for Early Learning and Care and School Age Childcare Services as well as information about **Barnardos online training, mentoring support available and discounts on Barnardos publications.**

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
Sinéad,
Publications Coordinator

Supporting Professionals Through Covid-19

Barnardos is committed to supporting the early learning and care sector during the Covid-19 crisis through the provision of learning and development opportunities that support the enhancement of knowledge and skills and quality services to achieve positive outcomes for



children and families. At [our new dedicated webpage](#) you can find out about the supports currently available for professionals and access tipsheets for working through this time.

UPDATES FROM THE SECTOR

Updates from DCYA

DCYA has published [updated information on COVID-19 measures](#) for providers and staff of Early Learning and Care and School Age Childcare Services. The FAQs set out some information on the actions that have been taken and will be added to as more information becomes available.



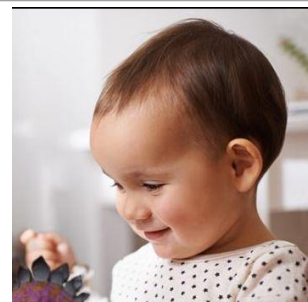
DCYA has also launched a new [webpage](#) where you will find free, online CPD resources. The resources are designed to support service planning and practitioners' professional development. Further free, online CPD resources will be added to the web-page over the coming days and weeks.

HSE Advice

The [HSE has advice for families](#) on getting through Covid-19 covering topics such as mental health, staying active and healthy eating. There is also information available on [Supporting Parents and Families through the Days and Weeks Ahead](#)

Infant Mental Health Resources

[The World Association for Infant Mental Health](#) website has links to large repository of resources, designed to provide information and suggestions about how best to respond, manage, and cope, during this incredibly difficult time.



Family Law Hub

A new online information hub to support families in crisis during the Covid-19 pandemic has been created by the School of Law at University College Cork (UCC) together with Irish charities, civil society organisations and other service providers. [The Family Law Hub](#) is a free resource of up-to-date information and help for people who need advice and support on family law issues, including access to justice, custody arrangements; income and maintenance; children in care; disability and carers support; and broader supports for those experiencing domestic violence.

Mel's Play Circle

Young children can join in a 20 minute play sessions on Mel's Play Circle at 10.30am on Tuesdays and Thursday via teleconferencing. There will be stories, songs, silliness and fun together. [Email for details.](#)

Language Packs

More new language packs are available from Happy Talk, including a [Monkey Pack](#) and a [Springtime Pack](#).

The Brain Architects Podcast

In this first episode from a special COVID-19 series of [The Brain Architects](#) podcast, Center Director [Jack P. Shonkoff, M.D.](#) discusses the COVID-19 pandemic in the context of early childhood development.

Youth Information Chat Service

[Spunout.ie has launched Ireland's first online youth info chat service.](#) The system will initially be live Mon-Fri from 4 to 8pm.

BARNARDOS UPDATES

Mentoring Support

We have a team of Regional Development Workers who provide Síolta and Aistear mentoring to support early years services. If there is an area of practice you'd like to focus on during this time, **we can provide information and resources and facilitate mentoring sessions in whatever way that suits you.** We can assist in relation to a specific issue or for an extended period, depending on your requirement. To enquire further please contact sharon.byrne@barnardos.ie or call 086 4651696.

Barnardos Publications

We are offering a **15% discount** on all [Barnardos publications purchased](#) from now until the end of May. Just enter the code **PUBLICATIONS15** at the checkout. And don't forget, [we also have a wide range of free ebooks for professionals and parents.](#)

Coming Next Week - Supervision and Support in Early Learning and Care

This **new publication** gives guidance to settings on the development and implementation of a supervision structure to support the professional development of educators. It provides information on the benefits of supervision, the supervision process, the roles and responsibilities in supervision and some of the challenges that might arise. It also gives guidance to settings on developing the supervision policy. This book will be available from the 30th April from [our online shop](#).



Training

Survey of Training Needs

We are keen to support the continuous professional development of those working with children and families at this time and are exploring the development of a range of webinars to suit different needs. We are currently running a [short survey](#) to help us plan and organise these events and would really appreciate it if you could take the time a couple of minutes to complete it. As always, **we appreciate your feedback.**



An Introduction to Trauma Informed Practice - Webinar

Date: 7th May 2020

Time: 11am – 1.00pm

Fee: €15

[This webinar](#) is suitable for those working in early childhood education and care who are interested in learning about adverse childhood experiences and what we can do to foster children's resilience. 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. [Register Now.](#)

Free Online Courses

We are still running our [FREE course on Learning Environments in the Early Years](#) so if you haven't already accessed it, [sign up now.](#)

Barnardos Information and Library

Our library and information service continues to support professionals throughout this time. Please contact resources@barnardos.ie with information queries. We are also offering the opportunity to subscribe to [an online research package](#) that provides access to two large research databases and an eBook collection.





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COVID -19 Crisis Parent Supportline



1800 910 123

Open to all parents
who need
extra support at this time

10am – 2pm Monday – Friday

www.barnardos.ie

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Our new Barnardos National Parent Support line is available to any parent or family who needs support. We would appreciate you passing this information on to families you are working with – or if you would like to share a link on your website or social media we would really appreciate it. More information is available at www.barnardos.ie/supportline



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