

Children's Services Committees are the key structure identified by Government to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people in every county in Ireland.



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WELCOME

Welcome to the CSCzine where we will provide a round up of what's happening across the country in relation to Children's Services Committees. Here in our first welcome message we provide a quick slideshow introduction to CSCs.

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BETTER OUTCOMES, BRIGHTER FUTURES

National Policy Framework for Children and Young People

The Government launched the national policy framework for children and young people *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures* on 16th April 2014. It is the first overarching national policy framework for children and young people aged 0 - 24 years. It recognises that almost all policy has a direct or indirect effect on children and young people's lives, underscores the necessity of interagency working and tasks **Children's Services Committees (CSCs)** with a key role in this regard. [Read More](#)



NATIONAL PICTURE 2014

There are currently 20 Children's Services Committees established. This number will increase with full national coverage to all counties across Ireland in 2014. Please [click here](#) for information on the CSC Chairpersons and Co-ordinators.

[Read More](#) about effective interagency work by CSCs.

Children's Services Committees
Carlow Kilkenny
Cavan Monaghan
Donegal
Dublin City North
Dublin City South
Fingal
Galway
Kerry
Kildare
Limerick
Longford Westmeath
Louth
Meath
Roscommon
Sligo Leitrim
South Dublin
South Tipperary
Waterford
Wexford
Wicklow



CSC WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

One of the priorities for 2014 is to increase knowledge and understanding of Children's Services Committees among key stakeholders. A national CSC website is being developed as part of the 2014 CSC communications plan. It will promote CSCs on a national scale providing a focal point for information about CSC work, and will be a gateway to information on individual county level CSCs.

For more information on the CSC website please contact Kimberley Kendall, Project Support for Children's Services Committees at kkendall@effectiveservices.org.



CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORTS DIRECTORY FOR COUNTY LOUTH

Help For My Child.ie

A new online Child and Family Supports Directory for County Louth was launched on Tuesday 25th March. The event was held to coincide with National Children's Day. The new directory was produced by the Family Support sub-group of Louth Children's Services Committee. It will be of real benefit to families and to practitioners delivering services, as it provides current information on support services available for children from pre-birth to six years of age and their families.

Visit the directory [Help for my Child.ie](http://HelpforMyChild.ie) and [Read More](#) on Louth Children's Services Committee.



PARENTING LIMERICK AND THE HOMEMAKER FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE

Limerick City Children's Services Committee, in partnership with Parenting Limerick and Barnardos, launched two new initiatives in February 2014;

- Parenting Limerick, a network of organisations working to provide support to parents and families across Limerick, and
- Barnardos Homemaker Family Support Service, which provides home-based practical support for parents who are struggling to cope with the demands of daily life.

Tim Hanly, Chair of Limerick City CSC said that *"The Limerick City Children's Services Committee has prioritised the provision and coordination of supports for parents in its Strategic Plan in order to improve outcomes for children and their families. Parenting Limerick and the Homemaker Family Support Service are excellent examples of agencies across Limerick City working together to enhance services for children and families. They are a credit to the dedication and commitment of all of the agencies involved in this initiative."* [Read More](#)



CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN COUNTY MEATH

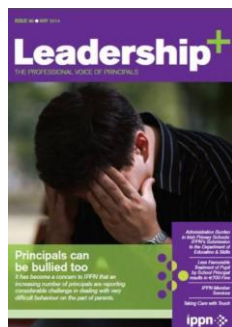


Meath CSC has recently published *Working for Children, An Audit of Services and Needs Analysis of Children's Services in County Meath* that provides accurate information on children's services and local needs in the county. The purpose of the report is to enable the Children's Services Committee to map service provision in its area, identify gaps in services and ascertain where there is duplication. The report will also help to inform Meath Children and Young People's Plan 2012-2015, in its work going forward. [Read the summary report](#) (please note this may take a few moments to load).

Check out <http://familysupportmeath.ie/> for easy access to services for children and young people in Meath.

CSCs MAKING THE CONNECTIONS

A series of articles on Children's Services Committees are being published in conjunction with education stakeholder organisations. In the articles we are opening up a conversation on the possibilities of and opportunities for interagency working through CSCs, to improve the lives of children and young people in Ireland.



IPPN Leadership+

The first article of a series to be published in the Irish Primary Principals' Network (IPPN) publication *Leadership+*, provides a general overview of CSCs. [Read More](#)



NAPD Leader

The first article of a series to be published in the National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals (NAPD) publication *Leader*, provides a general overview of CSCs for post primary school management. [Read More](#)

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