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#CareDay21 will take place on the 19th of February this year, and will be the 6th annual Care Day. Care Day is a global celebration and is the world's largest celebration of the rights of children and young people with experience of care.

There are almost 5,900 Children in Care and 2,900 young adults in After Care. Each of these almost 9,000 people in their lives brings a whole set of unique experiences and on Care Day we look to break down stereotypes and celebrate each one of the unique individuals who have experience of the care system.

Click here for details of webinars, competitions and activities taking place to make #CareDay21

Cavan Sports Partnership bring you Kids Dance Classes Class can be done live or at a more convenient time to suit as the teachers class will be recorded. Or you can always do both....

More information on Eventbrite—CLICK HERE



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Fantastic resources from NEPS

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Services Information	NEPS advice	& resources	during Covid-19		
COVID-19 +	The Department of Education NEPS psychologists have developed the following advice and resources for parents,				
The Department +	students and school staff as they return to school following school closure due to COVID-19:				
The Education System +	Wellbeing advice and resources during COVID-19				
Press & Events	See Also:				
	gov.ie/backtoschool				
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First 5—Preschool at home. Video lessons for families

Get inspired when teaching and learning from home. Discover videos that demonstrate simple ideas you can do at home that will support learning through play



National Childhood Network Any great resource for ideas and information. <u>Click HERE</u>





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Supporting Children—We can all do our bit

There is a need for everyone to be mindful of vulnerable, children, young people and their families. The most recent lockdown measures mean that some children are at further risk of isolation, having no access to schools or other activities.

Cavan CYPSC is encouraging everyone to look out for children and young people, recognising that families may be vulnerable, and signposts to supports available.

Supporting Children is a resource developed by DCEDIY to support children, young people, and their families in challenging times. It highlights the range of services and supports in place and the innovative responses this sector was making to meet the needs of vulnerable groups across a range of service areas, from Child Protection and Welfare to Education Support, Parenting and Family Support, and others.

CLICK HERE to access the website for resources and information



Ireland Reads

<u>Ireland Reads</u> is a new campaign from Irish libraries aiming to get the whole country reading this month in the lead up to a national day of reading on Thursday, February 25th. Taking some time to relax and do the things we enjoy has never been more important and reading is a great way to get a sense of escape and boost wellbeing.

Visit the Cavan library website for more information — Click Here





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Family Supports





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Social Prescribing



Grow Mental Health—Weekly Meetings

Grow deliver weekly meetings that offer peer led mental health support and recovery through a 12 step structured program. The meetings are free, open to anyone over 18 who is experiencing mental health challenges or illness and are not referral based. One is on a Monday night at 7.30pm and the other takes place on Wednesday afternoon at

3.30pm.

For more information and resources visist their Website—CLICK HERE

or drop by their page on Facebook for some fabulous resources and information







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Parenting Cavan and partners online programme

They also have lots of support and information on their Facebook page







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CAMRY are still working away—providing supports and group sessions on line



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Call for focus group participants



Who can take part?

- LGBTI+ people who:
- Are 18 years or older, and Have used mental health services* within the
- last 2 years
- *These services can be public or private, and may include a psychiatrist, community mental health services, or inpatient services.

Call for Focus Group Participants

About the Project

Mental Health Reform and LGBT Ireland are researching the lived experiences of LGBTI+ people who use mental health services in Ireland.

> Both organisations will use what we learn to campaign and advocate for improved mental health supports and services for LGBTI+ people.

To learn more contact: Yvonne (she/her) ymurphy@mentalhealthreform.i 089 2549725

www.mentalhealthreform.ie/my-voice-matters





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2. What will happen if I take part?

You will talk to us about your views and experiences of using mental health services. This will be done online in a focus group with 4 to 6 other people and 2 researchers from Mental Health Reform.

3. What are the risks?

e risks involved are minimal, but some people might get upset or uncomfortable during their focus group. If you feel this way, you can stop, take a break, and decide whether to keep going with the focus group or not.

4. How will you protect my privacy?

We will make every effort to ensure your privacy, confidentiality, and anonymity. Names, place names, and other potentially identifiable information will be deleted or changed in focus group transcripts and all publications.

5. How will the data/information be stored?

All data will be stored in a password protected folder on an encrypted computer owned by Mental Health Reform. A back-up will also be kept on a password protected cloud-based drive. The audio from focus groups will be recorded and transcribed later. Recordings will be deleted once transcripts are made. Transcripts will be made anonymous by deleting or changing names, place names, and other details that could be used to identify you. Transcripts will be deleted within 1 year of the project being completed.

6. Can I change my mind at any stage and withdraw from the study? Yes. You can leave the study up to when we make the focus group transcripts anonymous. After the impossible to know what information you gave us, so we will not be able remove it after that point. cripts anonymous. After that, it will be

7. How will the data/information be used?

We will publish what we learn in a publicly accessible research report that will be used for both organisations' campaign and advocacy work. We may also use the data in a later study, other publications (e.g. articles, book chapters, etc.), or to make presentations.

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ONLINE Engagement Meeting for Cavan & Monaghan: Tuesday the 23rd of February from 6pm-7.30pm



Children can attend the

programme even if their mothe does not, but children respond best when mothers participate

Interagency Partners of TLC KIDZ:

 Specialist Domestic Violence Services Specialist Sexual Violence Services

 Youth Work Organisations Family & Community Support Servic

The TLC KIDZ Project is a

The TLC KID2 Project is a community coordinated response for children and mothers in recovery from domestic violence and abuse. The Project seeks to create a common vision and shared responsibility among services in supporting the recovery of children.

At the core of the TLC KIDZ Project is the TLC KIDZ Programme. This is a 12 week group work programme for children and their mothers who have experienced domestic abuse.

This is

 TUSLA Prevention, Partnership & Family Support (PPFS) Children & Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC)

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TLC Kidz Project

Referral Criteria:

- Open to children between the ages of 5-17 (in appropriate age groups) depending on availability
- For children & young people residing within counties Cavan and Monaghan
- Separation has occurred and the perpetrator no longer resides at the family home

If you would like to make a referral or if you would like to attend this group, please contact the TLC KIDZ Coordinator in your area.

Eimear Kilpatrick TLC KIDZ Coordinator Cavan/Monaghan

Telephone: 086 060 0616 Email: eimear.kilpatrick@barner

TLC KIDZ PROJECT

Offers support for Children and their Mothers who have experienced **Domestic Violence** and Abuse



TLC KIDZ Programme incorporates:

- Children's groups help children begin the healing process by: Allowing children to share their experiences with other children

 - Exploring ways of expressing their feelings safely
 - Helping children understand that the 'fighting and hurting' within their family was not their fault
 - Looking at coping strategies for the future

Mother's groups support women to better understand how to help their children recover by:

- Helping mothers to understand their children's experience of violence within their family
- Giving mothers an opportunity to meet other women who have had similar experiences and share their feelings
- Exploring the impact their experiences may have had on their children
- Finding ways to heal from the past and look to the future thereby strengthening the bond between mother and child



- Breaking the silence that 'hurting' happens in families
- Understanding our many feelings Children's experiences of the
- 'hurting' that happened
- Anger is important -understanding and expressing it
- Staying safe my personal safety plan
- "Its not our fault" understanding responsibility
- Problem solving solve problems in positive ways
- Dealing with family changes The best ME I can be - Self







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