





CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE, DONEGAL
Coiste Seirbhísí Pháistí Dhún na nGall



GETTING STARTED

1 Who?

2 Terms of Reference

3 Language

4 Information - what do we know about our children today?

5 Working Groups

6 Communication

7 Participation

Key Statutory Agencies

Level within organisation of representative

Consistency re attendance

Other Organisations

Existing partnership work

Other opportunities for representation

Negotiate and agree – may need revisiting

- Frequency and length of meetings
- Schedule number of meetings ahead
- Format of meetings
- Option of “shadows” – could be an opt out!

Different agencies / organisations may not have a shared understanding of terms

- Training to ensure that people understand what outcomes, indicators and outputs are
- How does the work of the CSC get translated into the Business / Service Plan of each Agency / Organisation

Information - what do we know about our children today?

- ➔ Sharing information
- ➔ Identifying what it is we need to know
- ➔ Using the data to plan work
- ➔ Information sharing systems



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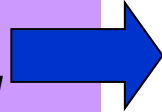
*Health & Holistic
Well Being*

*Education and Learning
for Children*

Economic Security

Information

Operational



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- Streetwork

Health & Holistic Well Being

- Home Visiting

Education and Learning for Children

- Early Reading Initiatives with parents

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- Lone Parents - training

Information

- Annual Report

Operational

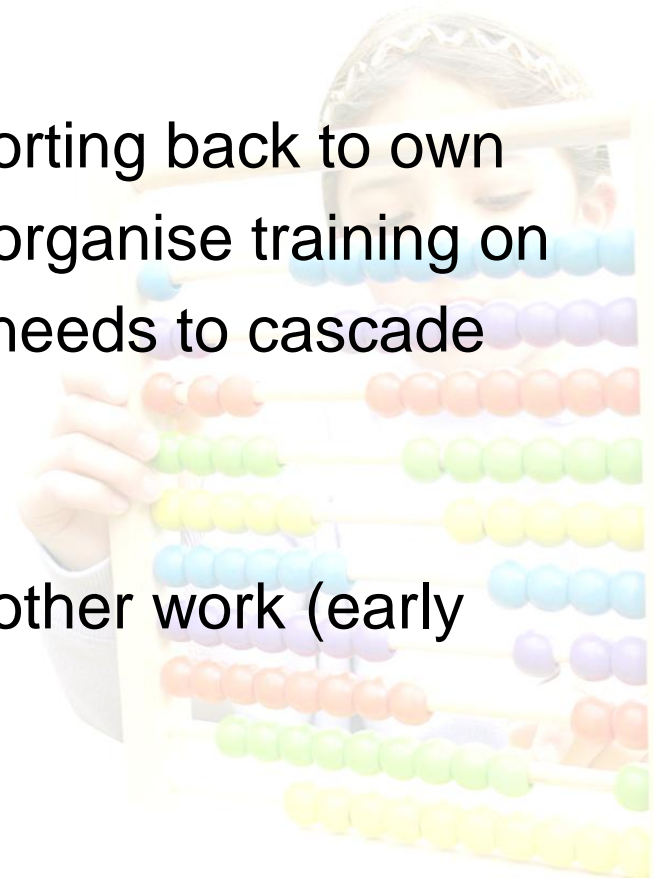
- Meeting of Chairs of Groups

WORKING GROUPS

- Opportunity for extending representation within existing CSC Partners and also to engage other groups
- Operationalising the work of the CSC – plans into action!

Critical – one we are still working on!

- Logo – branding, people becoming familiar with the term CSC, recognition.
- **Representation** - representatives reporting back to own agency / organisation. Each needs to organise training on CSC for all managers and in turn this needs to cascade down
- Newsletter and website
- Linking CSC outcomes to events and other work (early mapping exercise)



7 PARTICIPATION

- Again one we need to work on particularly re the voices of children, young people and families!
- Young people now attending CSC meetings from the Donegal Youth Council. Also being asked to input into the different Working Groups.
- An additional Working Group to specifically address Youth Participation set up
- Young people will participate in the Evaluation Panel for Dormant Account funding

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“To prevent a problem before it happens, the factors that predict the problem must be changed”
(Communities that Care 2004)

