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COVID19 supports in your area. Send us your info for inclusion in the CYPSC Newsletter



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The Donegal Children & Young People's Committee (CYPSC) aims to improve outcomes for children and young people aged 0-24 years in County Donegal.

The purpose of CYPSCs are to bring statutory, community and voluntary agencies providing services to children and young people together to cooperate and plan and work in a coordinated way. CYPSC's are funded through the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and Chaired by Tusla. The local authority holds the position of Vice Chair. They work to support children, young people and their families to achieve the five national outcomes set out in Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014-2020.

The national outcomes are that Children & Young People are:

- *Active and healthy with physical and mental well-being
- *Achieving full potential in all areas of learning & development
- *Safe and protected from harm
- *Have economic security and opportunity and
- *Are connected, respected and contributing to their world.

Over forty organisations across Donegal work in partnership to achieve these outcomes.



An Roinn Leanaí
agus Gnóthaí Óige
Department of Children
and Youth Affairs



DONEGAL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

Is CYPSC Dhún na nGall muid i gcuideachta le chéile

NEWSLETTER

Special Edition 2

April 2nd 2020

Donegal Community Resilience & Response to COVID19:

Donegal County Council takes the lead in joining together local agencies to assist citizens
Community Support Helpline 1800-928-982 E-mail covidsupport@donegalcoco.ie
Available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

This Community Support Helpline is to assist at risk members of the public in accessing non-emergency and non-medical supports and advice during the current public health emergency. The confidential phone line service has been established by the new **COVID-19 Donegal Community Response Forum**. The helpline is focused primarily on ensuring that vulnerable members of the community or those living alone can access deliveries of groceries, medicine and fuels. The role of the Forum is to ensure that there is a co-ordinated community response and to enable all voluntary statutory agencies to collaborate in support of our communities and particularly of our most vulnerable members. The new phoneline is just one aspect of the Forum's work. Its core aim is contributing to the community-wide effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. Donegal County Council, through this group, will ensure that the wide variety of groups working across the county to assist those in need, will do so in an organised, collaborative and targeted way. The Community Response Forum is there to ensure the very best use of the many resources assisting vulnerable persons with their daily needs at this unprecedented time, whether that is collecting medication, food shopping, social support and contact.

A sincere Thank You to Covid-19 Community Response Forum

Donegal County Council
Health Service Executive
An Garda Síochána
Community Welfare Service of DEASP
Údarás na Gaeltachta
TUSLA Child & Family Agency
Donegal GAA
Age Friendly Alliance
Public Participation Network
Local Link
Donegal Local Development Co.

Inishowen Development Partnership
Donegal Local Volunteer Centre
Red Cross - Donegal
Civil Defence - Donegal
Irish Farmers Association – Donegal
Citizens Information Service
ALONE
Donegal Travellers Project
Intercultural Platform
Religious Leaders

USEFUL Helplines:

Community Support Helpline
1800-928-982

covidsupport@donegalcoco.ie

HSE 180024 1850

TravelWise 01 613 1733

Alone 0818 222 024

Seniorline 1800 804 591

Samaritans 116 123

Pieta House 1800 247 247

Woman's Aid 1800 341 900

Donegal Domestic Violence Service:
Helpline open 24hrs 1800 262677

Flac 1890 350 250

Worker's Rights Centre 1890 747 881

Threshold 1800 454 454

MABS 0761 07 2000

Jigsaw:

- help@jigsaw.ie
- jigsawonline.ie

Donegal County Childcare Committee - supports the early years

The following are the main points from the FAQ document on the COVID-19 Measures which each childcare service needs to be fully aware of:

The Revenue Wage Subsidy Scheme commenced on the 26 March 2020 and can be availed of by any ELC and SAC providers where their turnover has likely been reduced by 25% or more for Q2 2020. The WSS supersedes the Employer COVID Refund scheme, which has now ceased.

Services do not have to sign-up to either the Revenue operated COVID-19 Temporary Subsidy Scheme or the DCYA Wage Subsidy Childcare Scheme, however, from the date the WSS goes live, no further payments will be made to centre based providers for the DCYA ELC and SAC funding programmes.

Once the Wage Subsidy Childcare Scheme is up and running, providers can sign a new agreement or contract and DCYA will provide the top ups and overhead contributions. Payments once processed will be made retrospective to the date of signing and subject to confirmation that provider is participating in the temporary Covid-19 Wage Subsidy Scheme. If a provider chooses not to sign the agreement or enter into the WSS there will be no alternative stream of funding.

More information on the revenue scheme can be accessed through this link: <https://revenue.ie/en/corporate/communications/covid19/temporary-covid-19-wage-subsidy-scheme.aspx>

We would strongly urge you to read all the documentation, the FAQs from both revenue and from the DCYA, thoroughly so that you are in a position to make a decision regarding entering the WSS or not in the coming days.

If you have any queries please contact staff on the following numbers:

Trish: 0858747799, Bridgid: 0858446277,

Louise: 0863197867, Amanda: 0858772631.

www.donegalchildcare.com

FOREVER FATHERS ONLINE MEETING

Due to Corona Virus Situation the next Forever Fathers meetings will be held online until further notice. 1st online meeting will be held on 6th April at 8pm. If interested email foreverfathersdonegal@gmail.com or ring 0866069436

Forever Fathers are a Donegal based voluntary support group run by non resident Fathers the meetings are free confidential, supportive & friendly.

**Fantastic News Parental Alienation Motions now at half of the Councils 16 in the South - 2 in the North of Ireland
Make Parental Alienation a Crime in Ireland on <http://bit.ly/PA-petition>**

IMPORTANT UPDATE

The Traveller & Roma Community have been included as a priority group for COVID-19 testing. Please note the criteria for testing: If you have a fever AND either a cough or shortness of breath, call your GP and tell them that you are in the priority group. There is a dedicated hotline for the Traveller Community - 0831006300 OR Primary Health Care Team contact Ann Friel on 0861453429

Foróige 'Home Challenge' initiative

Foróige staff across the county continue to provide support to young people and parents over the phone or by video call. In the last couple of days, the Foróige "Home Challenge" which started in Donegal has been recognised nationally by RTE.

One to one work, group work & virtual drop in Zoom; FaceTime, Social Media and other technical platforms

Resilience Packs: provision of resilience packs for more vulnerable young people.

On-line challenges and creative projects for young people to enable them to keep positive both mentally and physically. This includes challenges as part of our Healthy Ireland Fund in preparation for our Fitness Festival later in the year.

Information, advice and ideas for parents

Staff in Foróige projects can be contacted directly as normal. We also have an email address for anyone who is new to us that would like to get involved

Contact - infodonegal@foroige.ie Project Leaders; Susan 086 6064291 or Eimear 086 9171063 are also here to help.

LIFESTART is opening up their services to any parent with young children requiring information, advice and support at this time. Contact 087 6791898 or email maryisl@lifestartfoundation.org



LIFESTART SERVICES PARENTING SUPPORT

ARE YOU THE PARENT OF A CHILD BIRTH TO PRE-SCHOOL OR SCHOOL ENTRY IN DONEGAL AND NEED INFORMATION, ADVICE OR SUPPORT?

LIFESTART SERVICES IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

CONTACT LIFESTART SERVICES IMMEDIATELY AND A LIFESTART FAMILY VISITOR/SUPPORT WORKER WILL CONTACT YOU IMMEDIATELY!

CONTACT US:

MOBILE: 087 6791898
EMAIL: maryisl@lifestartfoundation.org
Facebook: [lifestartservicesclg](https://www.facebook.com/lifestartservicesclg)

TUSLA **PARENTING SUPPORT CHAMPIONS PROJECT**

The Forge Family Resource Centre CLG

Main Street, Pettigo, Co Donegal, F94 T447
Tel: 071 9861924

Phone and FaceTime to check in with individuals and families.

Meetings via conference call

Counselling service including Play Therapy via FaceTime, Skype or Whatsapp.

Requested extra deliveries from the Food

CARA House Afterschool Clubs have a new Facebook page full of activities and fun

[Check out Cara kids Club](#)

Mevagh FRC's Junior Youth Club

'Mevagh FRC's Junior Youth Club kindly donated an Easter hamper to be raffled to support Moville Clothing who are making hospital scrubs for health care workers during this global pandemic. Each line is €5. Winner will be selected at random on Thursday 9th April 2020 @ 1pm. Winner must be able to collect hamper from Mevagh FRC. Payments only through PayPal: [paypal.me/mevaghfrc](https://www.paypal.me/mevaghfrc)

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