

Daughters of Charity Child and Family Service



Our Vision:

The Daughters of Charity Child and Family Service is inspired by the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac.

We seek to identify, reach, and empower children and families most in need, in a society and world that is constantly changing.



Our Values:

Honesty

Justice

Fairness

Respect

Compassion

Our Mission:

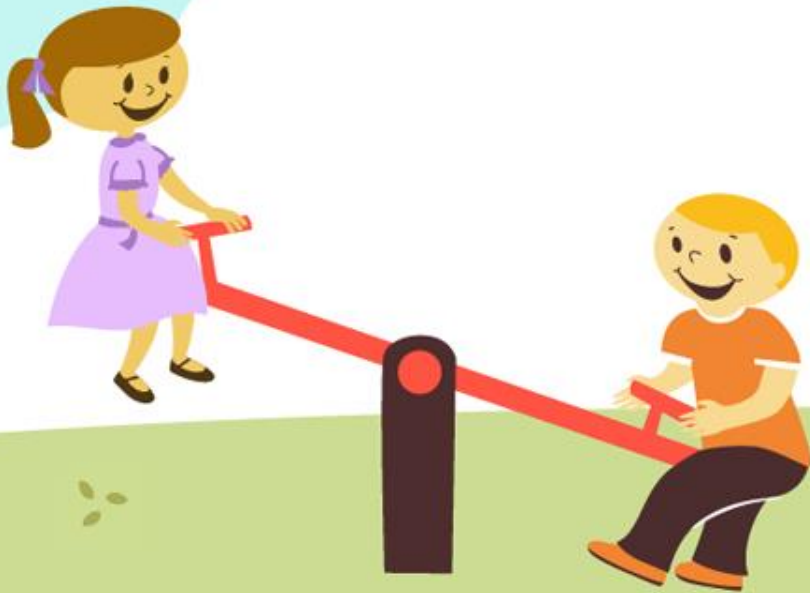
Is to recognise the essential dignity and potential of every person and the right of every child to live as full a life as possible within his or her own family.



ECDS – we have 6 Early Childhood Development Centres

Our dedicated preschools provide early childhood care and education to children between two and six years.

- *Goldenbridge*, Inchicore, Dublin 8
- *Mabuhay*, Mosney, Co. Meath.
- *St. Louise's*, North William Street, Dublin 1.
- *Tír ná nÓg*, Cork Street, Dublin 8.
- *St. Vincent's*, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.
- *St Joseph's*, Maryland, Dublin 8.



Eight Family Centres cover specific catchment areas

- Aistear Beo Family Centre, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.
- Connaught St. Family Centre, Connaught Street Dublin 7.
- Arklow Springboard Family Centre, Co. Wicklow.
- Turas Springboard Family Centre, Darndale, Dublin 17. 018771716/3
- Balbriggan Family Centre, Balbriggan, North Co. Dublin. 016905158
- Cherry Orchard Family Centre, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.
- Jobstown Family Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24.
- Lisdeel Family Centre- Santry, Dublin 9. 0860353859



Our Specialist Services are:

Dublin Safer Families Service, Santry, Dublin 9.
018627700

- DSFS is a Gender, Sexual and Domestic Abuse Service working with parents and children to prevent and stop domestic abuse.
- The primary focus is to increase safety in the family for the children.
- A unique aspect of the Dublin Safer Families Service is to provide a whole family approach. DSFS works with victims, children and perpetrators using a Systemic Model.
- Referrals are solely received from Social Work services and the Probation service.



Initial Assessment Services:

❖ St. Benedict's Assessment Centre, Kilbarrack, Dublin 5
covering North Dublin County.

❖ Lisdeel Assessment Centre, Santry, Dublin 9,
covering Dublin North City, Ballymun & Cabra.

- Initial Assessments, using the Signs of Safety model, are carried out on cases referred by TUSLA Social Work Department that have been identified as low or medium risk.
- On completion of the Assessment, recommendations are made for the case to be closed with no further action, referred for further action by TUSLA, or referred to other support services including DoCCFS Family Centre Response teams where they can avail of therapeutic support.

In all our centres children and families present with a range of issues:

- ❖ Abuse , Neglect and Welfare.
- ❖ Anger /behaviour management
- ❖ Impact of Parental addiction issues
 - ❖ Mild Anxiety and Social Phobia
 - ❖ Bereavement
 - ❖ Children in Care
 - ❖ Child to parent Violence (NVR)
- ❖ Impact of parental mental health
- ❖ Impact of domestic violence (Victim led specific)
 - ❖ Separation +Loss
 - ❖ Trauma
 - ❖ Parenting

In the Daughters of Charity Child and Family Service we offer an individual response to each child's needs and this may include individual work, group work, parent-child work or whole-family work.

Therapeutic Supports offered by Family Centres can include:

- ✓ Therapeutic Play
- ✓ Advocacy
- ✓ Brief Solution Focused Therapy
- ✓ Bereavement Support
- ✓ Circle of Security for Parents
- ✓ CBT [Cognitive Behavioural Therapy]
- ✓ Capacitar
- ✓ Resilience Building
- ✓ Co-operative Parenting Programme,
- ✓ Incredible Years, Parents Plus, Triple P Parenting, Circle of Security.
- ✓ Family Work informed Sessions
- ✓ Sand /Art work & Non Directive Therapy
- ✓ NVR [Non Violence Resistance support for parents]
- ✓ Marte Meo Therapy for parents and children
- ✓ Home Visits and Outreach work.



We undertake to provide a quality service:

- All therapeutic approaches to working with children are under-pinned by theory, knowledge, experience and the use of evidence-based models.
- A team approach is utilised in each centre and the needs of each child and each family is reviewed and discussed on a regular basis.
- Workers come from diverse backgrounds in social care, social work, psychotherapy, counselling, psychology, systemic, cognitive, play therapy and other therapeutic approaches. All professionals are employed as Family Workers.



Measuring the impact of our work

- DOCCFS has been working with the Children's Research Centre TCD to measure the impact of the therapeutic work with children and families.
- The data shows that on average children and families using our services benefit and the children and families who have the **most difficulties in their lives make the biggest gains.**



Referrals :

You are welcome to contact us to discuss a possible referral at any of our centres

We welcome TUSLA's involvement and work closely with SW's involved with families we come in contact with.

You can find out more about us at

www.docchildandfamily.ie



Questions & Comments

