Children and Young People’s Services Committees

Interagency working to improve the lives of children, young people and families in Ireland

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WHAT ARE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S SERVICES COMMITTEES?

Children and Young People’s Services Committees (CYPSC) are county-level committees that bring together, around one table, the main public and not-for-profit agencies and organisations providing services to children and young people in a county or across two counties. Their role is to enhance interagency co-operation and collaboration, improving local service provision and support for children and young people in their area. Their purpose is to ensure that children and young people achieve the best possible outcomes in terms of their health, education and social participation; grow up in a happy, safe environment and move confidently into adulthood with skills for life. CYPSCs’ remit is to improve outcomes for children and young people aged 0-24 years.

WHO IS ON A CYPSC?

Each CYPSC will have the following member organisations:

- Tusla Child & Family Agency (CHAIRPERSON)
- Local Authorities (VICE CHAIRPERSON)
- Health Service Executive
- Education & Training Board
- Young person (18-24 years)
- Probation Services
- An Garda Síochána
- Irish Primary Principals’ Network
- City & County Childcare Committees
- Department of Social Protection
- National Educational Psychological Services
- Third Level Institution
- National Association of Principals & Deputy Principals
- Social Inclusion Partners, e.g. Local Development Companies
- Community & Voluntary Services for children & young people

WHAT DO CYPSC DO?

Each CYPSC develops and then implements a three-year Children and Young People’s Plan (CYPP) for their area or county. This plan aims to make improvements in the lives of children and young people across five aspects of their lives, or what we also call five national outcomes for children and young people.

WHAT ARE THE FIVE NATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN IRELAND?

The 5 national outcomes for children and young people in Ireland are that children and young people

1. Are active and healthy, with positive physical and mental well-being
2. Are achieving their full potential in all areas of learning and development
3. Are safe and protected from harm
4. Have economic security and opportunity
5. Are connected, respected and contributing to their world

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WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CYPSC?

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www.cypsc.ie is the national website for Children and Young People’s Services Committees. On it you will find more information about national strategy and governance and information on local operations including contact details for each county’s CYPSC.

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