

## Ref: My Place To Play (MPTP) Combined briefing sessions – Baby & Toddler



The Early Learning Initiative (ELI) would like to invite you to attend a My Place to Play Baby and Toddler Briefing Session. These briefings are for services who are working with families in International Protection and emergency accommodation and could support organisations in their work with Ukrainian families.

### My Place to Play

My Place to Play is a programme that aims to enhance parent-child interactions and the physical, emotional, cognitive and language development for infants and toddlers living in international protection and emergency accommodation services. The programme is designed to be an interagency response to support families experiencing those living situations.

My Place to Play was originally a programme designed for parents and infants. More information on My Place to Play – Baby Mat can be found here; [My Place to Play \(cypsc.ie\)](https://www.cypsc.ie) Due to the success of the original My Place to Play Baby Mat, a Toddler Pack has been developed using play to promote language, communication, literacy, social and emotional development as well as fine and gross motor development for children.

Combined briefing sessions are now being delivered for My Place to Play Baby Mat and the My Place to Play Toddler Pack. These sessions are open to staff who offer direct services within IPAS, particularly those responding to the Ukrainian crisis, Homeless services, as well as those who may want to know more about the MPTP Initiative.

The Early Learning Initiative, National College of Ireland has been commissioned by the CYPSC and PPFS to provide briefing sessions for interested organisations who are interested in delivering the programmes within the IPAS system and across Homeless services.

### Briefing Sessions and Sign Up

ELI invite you to participate in the MPTP briefing session if your organisation would benefit from information regarding supporting families living in homelessness, international protection or other low-quality housing conditions with infants aged 0-12 months and toddlers aged 12-36 months.

In this 90-minute briefing session, you will hear about:

- The background and theoretical underpinnings of My Place to Play Baby and Toddler programmes.

- The benefits of the My Place to Play resources for infants, toddlers and their families.
- Tips and hints on how to engage families in the use of the resource.
- Question and answer session.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler briefings</b>	<b>Zoom Registration link</b>
11:30-13:00	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	<a href="#">Zoom meeting link</a>
14:30-16:00	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<a href="#">Zoom meeting link</a>
10:30-12:00	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<a href="#">Zoom meeting link</a>
14:30-16:00	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<a href="#">Zoom meeting link</a>

Please click on the Zoom registration link above to confirm your place on one of the briefing sessions.

If you have any questions about the My Place to Play project, please do not hesitate to contact ELI Programmes directly: [eli@ncirl.ie](mailto:eli@ncirl.ie)