

Little Live Wires Parent & Toddler

Old School House
 Rooskey
 Carrick-on-Shannon
 Anna 086 3596630
 Dolores 086 8521796

**Athleague Parent & Toddler**

Suck Valley Angling Centre
 Monica Finn 086 1556608

**Boyle Parent & Toddler**

Tuesday & Thursday Mornings 10:30am-12:30pm
 Boyle Family Resource Centre
 Louise Carty 071 9663000

Brightsparks Parent & Toddler

Lisacul Community Centre
 Fridays 12:00pm-2:00pm
 Eileen Green 087 6278844

**Buttercups Parent & Toddler**

Monday Mornings 10:00am-12:00pm
 Old Playschool
 Michelle Jordan 086 8164112

Strokestown Parent & Toddler

Thursdays 10:00am-11:30am
 Youth work Ireland, The Hub
 Mary Parker 087 2767780

**Castlerea Parent & Toddler**

Wednesday Mornings 10:30am-12:00pm
 Creativity Mill, Main St. Castlerea
 094 96 21805

Croghan Parent & Toddler

Friday Mornings 10am-12:00pm
 Croghan Community Centre
 Contact 071 9668315

**Cootehall Parent & Toddler Group**

Monday Mornings 10.30-12.30
 During school term
 Cootehall National School Hall
 Contact Jenny, 0861935453

Turpenbeg Site Parent & Toddler

Play Bus
 Turpenbeg,, Four Roads
 Barbara 086 3807006
 Winnie 086 3757938

**Roscommon Town Parent & Toddler**

Tuesday mornings 10:30am-12:30pm
 St. Colmans Club

Fourmilehouse Parent & Toddler

Wednesday Mornings 9:30am-11:15am
 Fourmilehouse crèche
 Maire Neary 090 6629957

**Frenchpark & Districts Childcare Ltd/Parent & Toddler**

Monday Mornings 10am-12pm
 Linda Devine 094 9870111

Oran/Clooneycolgan Parent & Toddler

Monday & Thursday Mornings 10:30am-12:00pm
 Clooneycolgan Community Centre
 Sharon Brandon 087 2940539

**Stepping Stones Parent & Toddler Ballaghaderreen**

Wednesday Mornings 10am-12pm
 Oakwood Village, Circular Road.
 Mary Towey 086 3085187

Jump for Joy Parent & Toddler

Unit 6-10 Nestor Complex
 Monksland Business Park
 Martina 09064 98450
 Starting soon

**Tulsk Parent & Toddler**

Thursday mornings 11.00am-1.00pm
 St. Fidelmas, Tulsk
 Cathriona Fahey 071 9639202

Kiltoom Parent & Toddler Group

Tuesday Mornings 9.30 am—1.00 pm
 Ballybay Parish Hall, Kiltoom
 Siobhán Gavin 0857298071



Parent & Toddler Groups



in County Roscommon

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What is a Parent & Toddler Group?

Parent and Toddler groups are where parents and carers of young children can come together socially, usually one morning a week. This usually takes place in a child centered environment. Parent and Toddler groups offer opportunities to engage in play activities with children while socialising and networking with parents. Parents and carers are responsible for their children throughout the session and the overall organisation is a shared responsibility.

Advantages of a Parent and Toddler Group

- Both children and adults are socially integrated.
- They operate during term time so are convenient.
- The children get the opportunity to socialise and interact with peers enabling them to develop socially and gain confidence within the group.
- They can be a good starting point to preparing your child for some form of daycare.
- Children get the opportunity to play with new toys and join in activities with new people in a new environment.
- Adults get the opportunity to socialise with each other and to learn from each others experiences. It alleviates the isolation often felt by those caring for very young children.



What to expect from a Parent and Toddler Group

No two Parent and Toddler groups are the same. There will always be variations among the children, adults and the environments. Parent and Toddler groups and local support groups are where adults and children can meet people and develop friendships. Parent and Toddler groups are run in a safe and friendly environment where interaction and socialising is usually experienced.

Roscommon County Childcare Mission Statement

“Roscommon County Childcare Committee promotes the consolidation, development and delivery of high quality childcare services and facilities which are affordable and accessible to local parents and their children. Roscommon County Childcare Committee also supports childcare providers, parents and other key stakeholders in line with the objectives of the National Childcare Investment Programme 2006-2013 (NCIP)”.

Parents/Carers Role in the Parent and Toddler Group

Parents and carers are very important to Parent and Toddler groups. Without them, the group could not exist. Each parent/carer is responsible for their child throughout each session. They should ensure their child's safety and encourage maximum levels of interaction for the child to develop socially. Parents also communicate with each other during the sessions.



The role of Roscommon County Childcare Committee in a Parent and Toddler Group

Roscommon County Childcare Committee can provide support to parent & toddler groups by going out on advisory visits. We will also provide assistance in sourcing funding and training for parent and toddler groups in the county.

Parent and Toddler Funding

The NCIP funding for Parent and Toddler groups for 2010 was administered directly by the County Childcare Committee's. These grants recognise that Parent and Toddler groups are providing informal support to parents, grandparents and childminders, as well as to young children and are an important source of social contact.

The grant scheme for Parent and Toddler groups will be operated on a flexible basis to respond to the local needs of the groups in accordance with nationally agreed criteria and an approved assessment process. Applications for funding under this scheme should only be made by Parent and Toddler groups that are organised on a “not for profit” basis and involve the participation of parents in the community.

Further information & application forms can be found on the website www.roscommonchildcare.ie or by emailing info@roscommonchildcare.ie

