

Dear Early Childhood Care and Educator/Service Provider,

Please see below our bulletin for the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) sector in County Roscommon with relevant information for you regarding deadlines, training and updates.

As always, we welcome any feedback on our communication with you and if you need to have something clarified or discussed in more detail, then please contact a member of our staff team through email or on our main number at 094 9622540.

Please keep updated through our new website www.roscommonchildcare.ie and on our face book page at <https://www.facebook.com/roscommonchildcare/> where we will continue to post relevant information for our sector as the central local information hub for the ECCE sector in County Roscommon.

We aim to as wide an audience as possible and would be grateful if you could distribute this to each member of your staff teams and place on your bulletin/information board for sharing of information. We hope you enjoy this bulletin and find it informative and beneficial.

Kind Regards,

Irene Cafferky, Manager and Roscommon CCC Staff Team Carmel, Majella, Martina & Louise Roscommon County Childcare Committee

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UPCOMING DEADLINES OF IMPORTANCE

18th August 2017 – CCS snapshot period opens

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If parents have queries they can contact any member of our staff team also on 0949622540

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Continuing Professional Development Training/Workshops



National Early Years Child Protection & Welfare Training

RCCC have set dates for the autumn schedule of **Always Children First Refresher and Foundation Modules** for Early Years Services. This training is the **only** standard Child Protection training relevant to early year's services and as such, has been tailored to the issues and needs of the sector.

The Always Children First Refresher Training (approx. 3.5 hrs duration) will be held on the following dates:

Date: Thursday 28th September 2017

Time: 2.00pm – 5.30pm.

Venue: Roscommon CCC Offices, Castlerea

Cost: €10 per participant

Date: Friday 29th September 2017

Time: 2.00pm – 5.30pm.

Venue: Athlone Town

Cost: €10 per participant

Always Children First Child Welfare and Protection Foundation Level - 1 day Training

Full Day Foundation Level Child Protection (for those who have not previously completed the Child Protection Foundation Level training).

Date: Thursday 5th October 2017

Time: 10am – 5.00pm.

Venue: Athlone or Castlerea – Venue to be confirmed

Cost: €10 per participant

Please contact Irene or any staff member at Roscommon CCC or email info@roscommonchildcare.ie as soon as possible if you wish to book a place on one of the above courses.

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Registrations

Registration start/end dates

Even though your service may start and end their programme year mid-week, PIP will only allow registrations to start on a Monday and end on a Friday. For example if you start back on Thursday 31st August and finish on Wednesday 27th June, you will have to register children as starting on Monday 28th August and finishing on Friday 29th June. This will not affect your payments as these are calculated from your calendars.

ID Numbers 2016/17

Using registration ID numbers from 2016/17

If you have children who are continuing their ECCE programme with you from last year, you cannot use their 2016/17 registration ID instead of their PPSN, the system won't recognise it. You will have to get the parents to fill out the child's PPSN details on the pre-registration forms which you will find on PIP.

Fees Lists and Calendars

Fees lists and calendars

These should now be submitted so that you can register children. If you have been informed that your fees lists and calendars have to be checked by us, as long as you have submitted a list you can register children, even if we haven't approved them.

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Higher Capitation

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The process for applying for the higher capitation is now open. The guidelines and forms are on the DCYA website click [here](#).

Exemptions

Minimum enrolment exemptions

The guidelines regarding minimum enrolments are in the appendix of your ECCE contract, point 9. We have attached the guide to this email. If you need an exemption, please contact a member of the Roscommon CCC team who will send you a form. Don't forget if you have more than one ECCE room, and one has less than 8 children, you need an exemption for the second room. Check the guidelines (attached to email sent out to services by us) to see if this is relevant to you.

Attendance Records Guidelines

Attendance records guidelines are now available on PIP. Following these guidelines will help with your compliance visits.

LINC Capitation Payments

LINC applications

It is our understanding that applications for the additional capitation available for those who have undertaken the LINC course will be available towards the end of September/early October, with the payments beginning at the end of October.

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A Children Focused Service Provider Workshop

A Children Focused Service Provider Workshop will take place on Thursday 21st September where the issue of service provision for children who experience domestic violence will be explored. The workshop will be facilitated by the consultant for the Needs Analysis Project, Ms Kathy Walsh. The workshop will take place from 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Radisson Blue Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

If you wish to attend the workshop please confirm by email to valerie.everard@tusla.ie by Monday 18th September.

Rainbows at Vita House Family Centre



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**Vita House
Family Centre**

**Rainbows is a free support group for children aged
between 5 and 12 years who have experienced
loss through bereavement or separation**

**Our next 12week course of Rainbows will commence
in Vita House, Abbey Street on
Wednesday 20th September 2017
from 6:30 pm to 7:30pm**

**For more information or to request an
application form,
email sbrennan@vitahouse.org
or call 090 66 25898**

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