Supporting Parents in their Parenting Role

Knowledge Transfer
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In this Knowledge Transfer you will find some interesting new service developments and publications relevant to Supporting Parents on the island of Ireland.

This information was compiled by the Special Interest Group: Supporting Parents in their Parenting Role. Since Towards a Parenting Strategy: An All-island Symposium last year, the Special Interest Group has been reflecting on the most strategic way to progress the case for a national strategy and is soon to submit a short draft National Parenting Action Plan to the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. In addition to this work, the Special Interest Group members feel that it is important to share any information they have regarding developments in the supporting parents area. It is in response to this that this Knowledge Transfer has been developed for circulation. Please also forward to anyone you feel it may also be of benefit to.

We plan to continually circulate similar material as it becomes available to us. Each Knowledge Transfer will be made available on the Special Interest Group page on the CES website http://www.effectiveservices.org/our-work/special-interest-group-supporting-parents

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Recent Publications and Developments

**Archways**
Incredible Years research, completed by NUI Maynooth, *Proving the power of positive engagement - the effectiveness of psychosocial behavioural training in interventions for children with symptoms of ADHD.*

The Health Research Board has extended the grant for the evaluation of Incredible Years for a further five years.

**Daughters of Charity Child and Family Services**
Final report of the *Evaluation of the Bringing it All Back Home Programme.*
European Child Safety Alliance
*Report on National Action to Address Child Intentional Injury*. See pg 76 - 77 for Ireland's profile.


Katharine Howard Foundation
KHF and CFI allocated €180,000 towards core grants for 2014, the first year of the Parenting Support Initiative. KHF also allocated an additional €100,000 to fund once off small grants in 2014.

Lifestart
The Health Promotion and Library Service in Donegal have teamed up with Lifestart to deliver *Bookworm Babies*. This initiative promotes the importance of parents/guardians reading with their young children and the significant positive outcomes associated with reading together at home.

Lifestyle Triple P
This programme is now being piloted in Midlands and North Dublin - further information here.

Man Matters
Third briefing paper *Fathers, Separation and Co-Parenting*.

One Family

Parenting NI
*Odyssey Parenting Your Teen Programme* is being rolled out in the Republic of Ireland.

Preparing for Life
Evaluation *Assessing the Impact of Preparing for Life at 24 Months*. 
Prevention and Early Intervention Network
Policy paper on *Making the Economic and Moral Case for Prevention and Early Intervention* Policy Paper and Short Film.

**Tusla, Child and Family Agency**
Parenting Strategy. Documents include: *Investing in Families: Supporting Parents to Improve Outcomes for Children* and *50 Key Messages*.

New website at [www.tusla.ie](http://www.tusla.ie). The website includes introductions to the key services of the agency including Family Support, Child Protection & Alternative Care, Early Years, Educational Welfare and Domestic Violence supports.

**youngballymun**
Evaluation of the Overall Success and Impact of the Ready, Steady, Grow programme.

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### About the Special Interest Group - Supporting parents in their parenting role

This special interest group was established in December 2010 by the Centre for Effective Services to:

- Create a unique space for developing thinking about issues relevant to parents in their parenting role and children and young people's wellbeing.
- Build bridges between people, groups and agencies, and add value to existing work and networks.
- Develop a strategy that ensures Ireland is a place where parenting is highly valued and supported.

This all-island group currently includes agency Directors or CEOs, funders and public officials, professional bodies and practitioners engaged in direct work and academics and professional researchers in the relevant sectors. Its vision is that the island of Ireland will actively value and support parents in their parenting role to achieve better outcomes for children, parents and families.

You can find further information on the Special Interest Group on the Centre for Effective Services website [here](http://www.ces.ie).