
Childminders Newsletter



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Sligo County Childcare Committee
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Childminders Development Grant

THE O.M.C. ANOUNCES €1,000 CHILDMINDERS DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Barry Andrews TD, announced the official launch of the new Childminders Development Grant on the 5th June 2008 under the National Childcare Investment Programme 2006-2010.

The new grant scheme contains a number of significant improvements, including a major increase in the maximum grant from €630 to €1,000 for Childminders

These improvements follow a review of the previous grant scheme under the EU co-funded Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme 2000-2006 (EOCP), which ran from 2004 until the end of December 2007.

The maximum grant available to a Childminder, who fully meets the criteria of the scheme, is 90% of total receipted eligible childcare expenditure, subject to a maximum grant of €1,000

The Minister urges Childminders to contact their local Childminding Advisory Officer in their local Childcare Committee and avail of the new grant.

For further information please contact Noreen McNamara Childminding Advisory Officer with Sligo County Childcare Committee on 071 9148860 or email noreen@sligochildcare.ie



Toy Library Exchange

A very enjoyable evening was had at the home of Paula Clerkin-Cadden in Strandhill where the latest Toy Library Exchange took place. The toy library is a valuable resource for childminders and the exchange event is a great

opportunity for childminders to network. The next exchange will take place in October 2008

For further information phone Noreen on 071 9148860 or email noreen@sligochildcare.ie



Network Meeting

A meeting of childminders was held in the offices of Sligo County Childcare Committee in Cleveragh on Tuesday June 3rd. This meeting was well attended and very interesting. Some items on the agenda included the recently announced NCIP Childminders Development Grant, Garda vetting, Insurance for childminders, Toy Library the Craft Trip to Castlebar and Training.



Garda Vetting

All childminders must have Garda Vetting for themselves and any other adult over eighteen years who has access to the children in their care.

For information phone 0719148860 or email noreen@sligochildcare.ie

Training



Training for childminders will continue in September and will include The QAP, Fetac 5 Childminding Practice Module, Occupational First Aid, Child Protection Training and Manual Handling

Craft Trip to Castlebar

A group of Childminders travelled to The Creative Resource Centre in Castlebar on Tuesday June 24th. This was a very worthwhile trip, and each childminder managed to pick up a number of craft items of interest to them

Childminding Advisory Officer

Information support and advise available from Noreen by phone, email and home visits
Phone 071 9148860 email: noreen@sligochildcare.ie

Bulletin Board

A Childminder wishes to purchase large indoor toys or outdoor equipment for her childminding facility.
If you can help please phone Paula on 071 9168790