*Sligo County Childcare Committee*

*Training Calendar – Spring 2016 - Supporting Information.*

**Sligo County Childcare Committee will deliver or support the following training events in Spring 2016:**

1. **Aistear: Aistear in Practice Stage 1, Aistear in Practice Stage 2, Assessment of Children’s Learning**
2. **Child Protection: Child Protection Training “Always Children First”, Child Protection Training: Developing your Child Protection Policy**
3. **All About Me**
4. **Support and Supervision through Canavan Byrne**
5. **The Expanded ECCE programme**
6. **Education Focused Inspections – Briefing session**

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In response to ongoing demand we will continue our series of Aistear training by making Stage 1 available to those who have not had an opportunity to engage and wish to do so.

**Stage 1**

We will continue to offer Stage 1 to new participants in Spring 2016 which will be supported through visits from the Development team. While all the themes are interlinked, each session will have a strong focus on one of the themes - as follows:

* **Communicating -** Reading and storytelling
* **Exploring & Thinking** - Aistear in the Outdoors
* **Well Being** - Documenting
* **Identity & Belonging** - Environment

Aistear in Practice***.*** – **Stage 1**

1. ***Communicating - Storytelling and Reading***

* *Promoting an understanding of how children’s use of communication develops in early childhood*
* *Providing skills and knowledge to inspire children’s love of reading.*
* *Developing skills and confidence to engage in storytelling*

1. ***Exploring & Thinking - Aistear in the Outdoors***

* *Looking at the rich learning experiences which can happen in the outdoor environment*
* *Linking Aistear to outdoor activities and the environment*

***3. Well Being -***  ***Documenting***

* *Documenting Aistear*
* *Linking Aistear to curriculum planning*

1. ***Identity & Belonging - Environment / Documenting review***

* *How does the environment reflect the Aims and Learning Goals of Identity & Belonging*
* *Review of experiences from our previous session on Documenting*

Aistear in Practice***.*** – **Stage 2**

1. ***Communicating***

* *Background theory*
* *Dialogic interactions*
* *Puppets as a means of communicating*

1. ***Exploring & Thinking – with guest speaker***

* *Great Explorations in the Outdoors*
* *Host service presentation*

1. ***Identity & Belonging***

* The 4 Anti-Bias Goals

1. ***Well-Being***

* The Importance of Play in supporting children’s well-being
* Theory and practice

**Child Protection Training**

**Are you the Designated Liaison Person or Deputy Liaison Person?** Have you completed **Child** **Protection Foundation training?** This will be a requirement prior to undertaking the dedicated DLP training which will be coming on stream in the near future..

While priority will be given to the Designated Liaison Person, all staff are encouraged to undertake the new one-day course – Always Children First Child Protection Training. This has been developed specifically for the Early Years sector to safeguard children in their care.

**Developing your Child Protection Policy’ -** FOR MANAGERS/SUPERVISORS/LEADERS

This workshop covers the development of your Child Protection Policy and its implementation within your Early Years’ service.

‘All About Me’

A complete review of ‘All About Me’ has taken place and we are pleased to advise that the new version is now available. Copies will be distributed following refresher training which will take place on the dates indicates**. Please advise which session you wish to attend and the number of copies you would like supplied. As we are unable to continue to fully subsidise the cost on a long term basis, a charge of €2 per copy will apply.** This will be payable either in advance or on the night.

**Expanded ECCE Programme**

This information session will outline what the effect and impact changes announced in Budget 2016 will have on Early Years’ services for the expanded ECCE programme. This information session would be beneficial to attend prior to Early Years services having their open day/evening for parents.

**Support & Supervision**

This workshop will be delivered by Angela Canavan of Canavan Byrne. It defines the structure and procedure for staff supervision, appraisal, evaluation, motivation and development. It will also explore the Human Resource Management element which may emerge, such as handling disciplinary issues.

The Staff Supervision/Appraisal workshop reinforces the link between Staff and management and is an effective motivational tool for enhancing teamwork, performance and productivity.