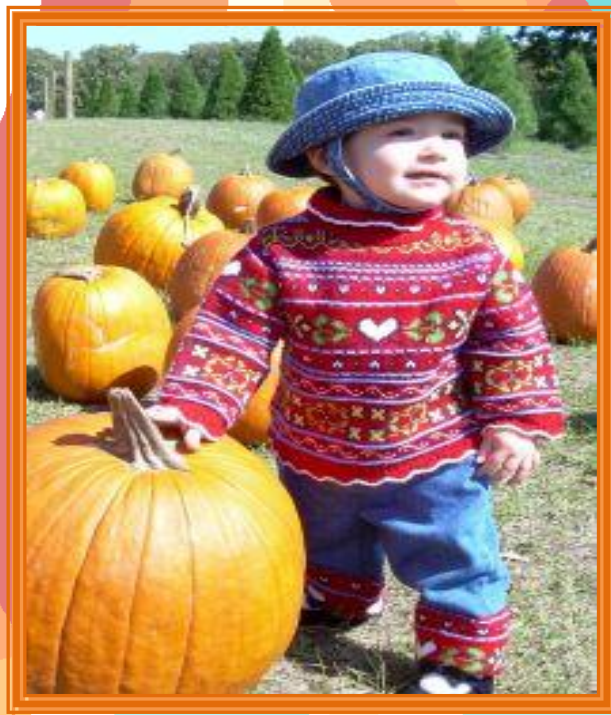


# Autumn Newsletter 2009



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## The Early Childhood Care and Education Scheme (ECCE)

As you are aware a new scheme to provide for a free Pre-School Year in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) was announced by the Government in the last Budget. The announcement is a landmark development in the provision of early childhood care and education services for young children in Ireland. The new scheme will be implemented by the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs (OMCYA), and will be open to all private and community pre-school services which meet the requirements of the scheme.

### Capitation Grant

The capitation grant is a payment made to participating services for each child enrolled.

The weekly capitation fee for a child attending a 3 hour sessional service is €64.50 per child. The weekly fee for a child attending a fulltime/part-time service is €48.50 per child.

**Providers please note that your first payment from the OMCYA is due in the second week of January 2010 so please budget accordingly.**

### Age Range of Children Eligible

The scheme will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010, children born between the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2005 and the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006 will qualify. For September 2010 the age range will be slightly different.

### Children with Delayed Development

Children with delayed development, who as a result will be accepted into their local national school at a later age than normal, will be able to access the free pre-school year to coincide with their school starting date.



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## Autumn Training Schedule

Please refer to our Training & Networks insert and put it up on your Staff Notice board.

For VEC training courses please contact the office or the VEC directly on 052-6126269. There is currently a huge demand for Part-time Level 6 courses following the announcement of the ECCE scheme; we will be in contact with the VEC and other Providers about the provision of Level 6 courses for 2010.

We would urge you to be wary of bogus training companies. Before you partake in any course, please check that the training company is a FETAC accredited provider ([www.fetac.ie](http://www.fetac.ie)) and that the course is a Full Award and not just a single module/component.

## Subsidised Training Fund

South Tipperary County Childcare has a training assistance fund for anyone who takes up a course relating to childcare. The closing date for applications is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009. for further details please contact the office on 052-6182274 or log onto [www.southtipperchildcare.ie](http://www.southtipperchildcare.ie)

## Knockanrawley Family Fun Day



This event was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> August. It was funded by the HSE and many organisations had information stands. This was a very successful day out for all and included many different activities for the children, including, face painting, reptile farm, story time and a magician to name but a few.



# Quality Programmes

## Síolta

Síolta is a quality assurance process which addresses all aspects of practice in early childhood care and education services. It is designed to support practitioners to develop high quality services for children aged from birth to six years and is relevant to all settings where children spend time out of their home environment.

Detailed information on Síolta can be found at [www.siolta.ie](http://www.siolta.ie)



## Aistear

Aistear, the Framework for Early Learning supports practitioners in planning for and providing enriching, challenging and enjoyable learning opportunities for children from birth to six years. The aim of the Framework is to help every child to grow and develop as a competent and confident learner within loving and nurturing relationships with adults and peers.

Detailed information on Aistear can be found at

[www.ncca.ie/earlychildhoodframework](http://www.ncca.ie/earlychildhoodframework)



## *NERA Inspectors are visiting Childcare Services*

The National Employment Rights Authority (NERA) is a government agency which provides information to employees and employers through its information service. It monitors employment conditions through its labour inspectorate and can enforce compliance and seek redress. South Tipperary County Childcare staff members have been informed by Childcare services that NERA Inspectors are currently visiting childcare services in the county. In general Inspectors have the following powers under legislation to:

- enter any premises at a reasonable time
- request sight of records
- inspect records
- take copies of records
- seek and require information from any relevant person

The following list sets out the standard records which employers must keep and a NERA Inspector will require access to during the course of an inspection. (Sourced from [www.employmentrights.ie](http://www.employmentrights.ie))

registration number with the Revenue Commissioner

1. List of all employees including full name, address.
2. PPS number for each employee (full and part time). Terms of employment for each employee.
3. Payroll details gross to net, rate per hour, overtime, deductions, shift and other premiums and allowances etc.
4. Evidence that the employer has provided payslips to employees.
5. Employees job classifications.
6. Date of commencement and termination of employment where relevant.
7. Hours of work for each employee.
8. Start and finishing times, meal times and rest periods.
9. Register of employees under 18 years of age.
10. Whether board and lodging are provided.
11. Holidays and public holiday entitlements.
12. Any documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance with employment rights legislation.

Additional records may be required to be held depending on the sector / business involved.

For further information lo-call 1890 808090 / [www.employmentrights.ie](http://www.employmentrights.ie)

Employer

# Buntús Start

## More Toddlers to benefit from Buntús Start Programme



Since the start of 2009 the South Tipperary Sports Partnership and South Tipperary County Childcare Committee have completed delivery of Parts 1 and 2 of the Buntús Start programme to seven more new Childcare Service Providers. To date 37 Childcare Service Provider groups have completed the Buntús Start training, reaching over 1200 toddlers across South Tipperary.

The programme was very well received and feedback from participants included comments

such as: 'It was great, the activities will be very useful in our workplace', 'Excellent programme, equipment will be used at our school on a daily basis', 'A great chance to develop activities and exchange ideas'.

**We are now looking for 11 new groups to be trained this Autumn and the closing date for registration is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009.**

For further information on the Buntús Start Programme and for an expression of interest form please contact Elaine at The County Childcare Office on 052-6182274.



Pictured here: Staff from Country Mice Rosegreen, Mullinahone Community Playgroup, Canon Hayes Recreation Centre Playgroup, Comeragh Court Playgroup Clonmel, Clare's Montessori Kilsheelan, Tiny Tots Pre-School Ballylooby and First Steps Playschool Fethard receiving their group certificates.

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR NEW GROUPS TO REGISTER FOR BUNTUS IS FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2009.**

**Note: Only groups who have participated in Buntus can qualify to become part of the new HSE Active Fitness Programme for Pre-schools.**





# information sessions



Above some providers who attended one of the ECCE information sessions held in June 2009 with our new Private Provider Representative Anne Comerford (4<sup>th</sup> from left).

Below Ger Boland STCCC, Jenny Eades, Pobal (centre) and Elaine McGowran STCCC at CCSS Information Session held in the Horse & Jockey, Thurles on 17/6/09.



Participants on one of the Spring LAMH workshops with Elaine McGowran STCCC.

## Community Childcare Providers - CCSS

Please take note of the financial return dates coming up over the next few months. If you need any assistance at anytime, give us a call on 052 6182274.

## Road Safety 'Beep Beep Day' – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009.



South Tipperary has been selected as a pilot area for a new road safety programme which is being introduced to 20 selected pre-schools in the region. The programme is being organised by the Road Safety Authority in conjunction with South Tipperary County Childcare Committee. Twenty pre-schools in South Tipperary will be selected to participate in this new pilot programme which will be organised through the STCCC Networks. Participating groups will be trained by the end of September.

Photo: Wonder Years Play School, Clonmel, teaching the children the rules of the Road with local Lolly Pop Lady Geraldine.

## HSE Active Workshops New Pilot Scheme

### The 'Active Pre-school'

The 'Active Pre-school' is one strand of 'Working towards a Healthy Pre-school'. An active pre-school is one that is committed to promoting physical activity to all members of the school community, both within and outside of the school, through the provision of a range of relevant opportunities in an appropriate environment. For further information on this scheme please contact Ger/Elaine on 052 6182274.



Dates	Venue	Facilitator	Participants
28 <sup>th</sup> October 2009 Training Session 1	South Tipperary Development Company, Clonmel .	HSE	Participants will be selected by the HSE & STCCC and must have completed the Buntus Programme.
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2009 Session2	South Tipperary Development Company, Clonmel .	HSE	Participants will be selected by the HSE & STCCC and must have completed the Buntus Programme

# Parent's Page

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education services for young children in Ireland. The new scheme will be implemented by the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, or OMCYA, and will be open to all private and community pre-school services which meet the requirements of the scheme.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 children born between the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2005 and the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006 will qualify for the new Pre-School Year in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE).

Parents please note that a childcare service does have the right to ask for a booking deposit if you are booking a place for 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 but it will be refunded to you in January.

For parents with children in full day care/part time care and who pay by Standing Order/Direct Debit please keep in mind that you will have to amend your childcare fees.

Parents if you require further information regarding the services that South Tipperary County Childcare Committee offers, please log onto [www.southtippchildcare.ie](http://www.southtippchildcare.ie)



# Parent's of children with special needs Network



Parents involved in South Tipperary County Childcare Committee Parent of Special Needs Network. Left to right Sandra and Daniel Gibbons - Patricia McGrath and Sarah Dillon.

## Network Meeting details

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**HSE Diet & Nutrition Network**

**7.30pm-9pm**

**Please contact the Ger on 052- 6182274 for more details.**

# Children's Page

## COMPETITION

We are looking for children to enter their Christmas drawings for the cover of our 2009 Christmas Card. The winning picture will be used as the Christmas card sent out from the South Tipperary County Childcare Committee this year. (Please do not submit drawings with cotton wool attached). The date for receipt of last entries is Friday 9th November 2009. Will you please include the child's name, age and the name of your service with each entry. **GOOD LUCK** to all those budding young artists. A presentation will be made to the winning entry.



**Little girl enjoying Family Fun Day in Knockanrawley**



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