

Parenting and Family Support Service Provision in Limerick during COVID 19

The purpose of this document is to have list of Parenting and Family Support services that are available to parents and families during the COVID-19 restrictions. The list identifies what service is available, who the service is available to, and how the service can be accessed. In the current environment service delivery may change as the weeks go by. This listing will be updated on a weekly basis with a new edition circulated every Monday on www.cypsc.ie/resources/covid-19-.3097.html.

**Note: this is not an exhaustive list and will be updated with additional services over the coming weeks.*

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If you wish to submit a listing, contact David Studer, Limerick CYPSC Coordinator – david.studer@tusla.ie

Public Health Nursing

The Public Health Nurse service to mothers and babies remains at the set notification visits, including blood spot screening. The service will also continue to those families requiring support. Child Protection visits continues. For a full list of Health Centres in Limerick go to

www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/2/healthcentres

With Breastfeeding Support Groups currently not meeting, the following link on MyChild.ie offers direct advice from lactation consultants:

<https://www2.hse.ie/services/ask-our-breastfeeding-expert/>

Child Protection and Welfare

All Tusla services in Limerick are currently operating. Anyone with a concern about a child's safety or protection should contact our Limerick Duty Intake Team on 061 483097 or 061 483098. Go to www.tusla.ie/services/child-protection-welfare/ for more information on reporting concerns or contacting a social worker.

Any query for concern in relation to children out of normal working hours should be reported immediately to An Garda Siochana.

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Parenting and Family Support Services			
Ballyhoura Development	<p>Ballyhoura Development continues to support Communities that we work with (Including vulnerable children, families and communities) through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call support • Video Calling • Ballyhoura online platforms (www.ballyhouradevelopment.com Facebook & Twitter) • Provision of information (proactively through online platforms, email, text, phone calls and on request) • Sign posting and referral to supports and services • Supporting Families with ideas and activities to support their parenting. • Continuing to deliver Youth Supports remotely using video calling, phone and text. • We continue to work with all community groups, many of whom have established local delivery services within their communities 	Contact Eileen 087-6216200	www.ballyhouradevelopment.com
Barnardos - Limerick North, Limerick South and Homemaker Family Support Service	<p>Individual family work/case work: Staff are continuing to provide support directly to the families open to the service. The focus of work is practical support to adapt to the changes due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and includes food hampers delivered to families' homes, compiling and distributing activity packs for children etc. Staff are providing ongoing phone-based support, helping parents to: establish and maintain routines, manage crises at home and difficult family dynamics, manage school work at home, manage their own self-care and stress levels etc. Staff are continuing to work with parents in relation to underlying parenting challenges and any worries they have for their children's welfare. Staff are also continuing to work with children that had been receiving individual support through phone-contact, face-time and skype.</p>	<p>By phone or email</p> <p>Barnardos Limerick North 061-329298 info@moyross.barnardos.ie</p> <p>Barnardos Limerick South 061-319290 info.southill@barnardos.ie</p> <p>Barnardos Homemaker Service 061- 493587 Homemaker.limerick@barnardos.ie</p>	www.barnardos.ie

Any queries relating to a specific listing should contact the service identified on the listing.

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	<p>Early Bird Service/Afterschool Service: While group work has been paused, Family Support Workers will offer practical support to families whose children attend Barnardos Early Bird and Afterschool services. Staff will provide weekly support to families in relation to assisting home learning around reading and literacy support. This individual support will include contact with the children and families. Further support will be offered by the way of practical food and budgeting support as required.</p> <p>Information/Advice Service: Barnardos continue to offer a phone-based information and advice service Monday -Friday in each of our Centres for parents/professionals to seek guidance in relation to issues relating to child development/family well-being.</p> <p>Making a Referral Barnardos continue to accept Referrals for Family Support from families themselves as well as from other services in contact with the family. To enquire about a referral please contact the Project Managers.</p> <p>Bereavement Helpline Service This helpline is open from 10am – 12pm Monday to Thursday to members of the public seeking information and support in relation to bereavement</p>	<p>Paula Kett, 0879108360.</p> <p>Call: 1800 910 123 10.00am-2.00pm, Monday to Friday Email: parentsupport@barnardos.ie</p> <p>Call: 01 4732110 10am – 12pm Monday to Thursday</p>	
<p>Tusla Prevention, Partnership and Family Support</p>	<p>If you require support or advice please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of the TUSLA PPFS Team. We will endeavour to work with you to ensure that children and families identified as vulnerable receive support.</p>	<p>Sinead (086 7801547) Alice (087 9879119) Kirsten(086 8121375) Damian (087 7176105) Colette (061 483592)</p>	

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Bedford Row Family Project	Bedford Row Family Support continues to work with families affected by imprisonment (e.g. emotional support) through phone support.	Phone: 061 315332	
ISPCC	<p>Family support services will be continued over the coming weeks through telephone & Skype support sessions to with clients, whether young people or parents. This can be once a week or more often if needed.</p> <p>ISPCC will also speak with parents who are not currently clients and offer telephone support to them if they are feeling anxious themselves or they would like support about how to support their children during this time.</p>	Shellie Murnane 087-153-0001	www.ispcc.ie
Limerick Social Service Centre	<p>LSSC continues to provide support to all clients of the Child and Family Service, Counselling and Psychotherapy Service and Older Person's Service. Support is being offered by phone or video chat. Practical support, such as grocery shopping, collecting medication, sending out activity packs for children and printing and sending out forms, is also being carried out.</p> <p>All cases on the waiting list across services have been contacted and offered phone support.</p> <p>In addition, members of the public who would like to speak to qualified and experienced counsellors, family support workers or support workers for older people can ring 061-314111 and a member of staff from the relevant service will phone back and provide support.</p> <p>We are also offering parent support groups via Zoom. Our first virtual parent and toddler group will be carried out on Friday 03.04.20 with plans for additional groups in the coming weeks.</p>	<p>LSSC is open to referrals.</p> <p>Contact: Margaret Mastriani</p> <p>LSSC can be contacted on 061-314111 or 083-3626042 Referrals can be sent to cfsreferral@lssc.ie or margaret.mastriani@lssc.ie</p>	<p>www.lssc.ie</p> <p>Updates on LSSC's services can be found on our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/limericksocialservicecentre/ or on twitter @lmksocservices</p>

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West Limerick Resources	<p>West Limerick Resources continue to support families by phone and email providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice and guidance • Parental supports • Ideas for activities for children • Promoting positive mental health & wellbeing • Signposting and referral to other services • Counselling via phone, Skype & Zoom 	<p>We are providing support by phone, email, and skype.</p> <p>Stefanie Jaeger Liston Phone: 087 3982925 Email: SJaeger@wlr.ie</p>	<p>www.wlr.ie</p> <p>Check out the West Limerick Resources Facebook page for more up to date information.</p>
Family Resource Centres	<p><u>Croom FRC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone, FaceTime and skype support to individuals, families and community groups • Continuation of existing Parents Plus Programme via Skype & Facetime if parents agree • Delivery of medication, groceries and essential items • Ongoing communication with local services such as GP's, PHN to assist them with their onward referrals where possible • Referral to other support services that are operating via phone and digital platforms such as Jobs Club, Mabs, Citizens Information • Online Parenting tips via Facebook with online videos being regularly posted • Counselling via phone • Mental Health referrals and check up via frequent phone calls to vulnerable members of our community • Consistent engagement with Parent and Toddler group members, Pre and After School Parents via phone calls 	<p>Phone, FaceTime, skype and email. 083-8646093 famiysupport@croomfrc.com Skype: Lorraine Bennett</p> <p>Social distancing guidelines adhered to if necessary to meet a client.</p>	

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	<p><u>Hospital FRC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing phone support to parents, including tips to parent and toddler groups, primary school aged children as well as linking through social media. • Counselling for adults and young people from the ages of 11 upwards over the phone/ Whats App • Easter craft kits for families. • Limited number of food packages available through food bank. Distribution to homes. 	<p>Phone 0872473762. hospitalfrc@gmail.com Mary McGrath</p> <p>Hospital FRC are not currently taking new clients as face to face assessment is preferable however this may be reviewed this as time goes on. We continue to take referrals into our next Rainbows programme which we hope to run in September</p>	<p>www.hospitalfrc.com</p>
	<p><u>Southill FRC</u></p> <p>We are keeping in touch with members of our Peer support groups and families during this time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre: 061-440250 • Family Support Workers: 086-785-7663 • Jimmy Prior, Coordinator: 085-125-0790 	<p>Southill FRC on facebook</p>
	<p><u>Northside FRC</u></p> <p>Northside Family Resource Centre’s Family Support Workers are available to talk to any parents about issue that may be concerning them at this time: including setting routines, talking to my child about coronavirus and social distancing, managing conflict, remaining calm, and self-care for parents.</p> <p>Our childcare staff are producing videos of them reading stories, singing songs and using puppets to entertain our younger children on our Facebook page Northside Family Resource Centre</p> <p>Counselling over the telephone being offered to Adults and Young people</p>	<p>Over the phone: Contact Mary Mulcahy, 061-326623</p>	<p>Get in touch with any enquiries on www.northsidefrc.ie</p> <p>or</p> <p>Facebook: Northside Family Resource Centre</p>

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Southill Hub	<p>We are offering the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance & printing of form filling for social welfare etc. • Transport in an 8 seater van for social distancing for vulnerable community members for medical appointments, trips to post office etc. • Online youth work groups • One to one support for young people in the community • Working with local school to provide school meals • Online advice, tips etc. 	<p>Over the phone & by post 061 603710</p> <p>Seniors Club Coordinator Mary Hehir 0834066273</p> <p>Digital media platforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook: Southill Hub • Snapchat: southillhub.4 	<p>Our website is static and functions as a general information source and sign post to our social media platforms etc. Our Facebook page currently operates as a source for up to date information</p>
ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refuge (restrictions are in place, so please contact helpline number before presenting) • 24 hour confidential helpline - 1800 200 504 • Telephone support provided by key workers – Monday to Friday (8.00am – 5.30pm) 	<p>24 hour confidential helpline: 1800 200 504</p>	

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Drug and Alcohol Services			
Community Substance Misuse Team	<p>CSMT will be providing phone support and online support over the coming weeks.</p> <p>CSMT are still assessing referrals over the phone and providing care planning and key working support.</p>	<p>Phone: Main line has all staff numbers available- 061318904 and Website also has numbers-</p> <p>Concerned family members or young people can phone staff directly.</p>	<p>www.csmt.ie</p>
HSE Mid West Drug & Alcohol Service	<p>Telephone support by a counsellor to young person aged 14 – 25 in relation to alcohol and/or illicit drug use.</p> <p>Telephone support to concerned person / parent guardian in relation to young persons drug / alcohol use</p>	<p>Service can be contacted by phone 061 318 633 or</p> <p>Call our confidential freephone helpline on 1800 459 459 from Monday to Friday between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm. Email us at any time on helpline@hse.ie</p>	
Northstar Family Support Project	<p>NFSP provide support to families effected by a loved ones drug/alcohol abuse throughout limerick city and surrounding areas.</p> <p>We are currently offering phone support to families effected by another’s drug/alcohol abuse</p>	<p>Please contact 061 459260 during normal office hours and you will be directed to a key worker.</p> <p>You can also message us on our Facebook page.</p>	<p>www.northstarproject.ie</p> <p>Facebook: Northstar Family Support Project</p>

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Disability Services			
Blackberry Park Childrens Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone Support • Resources to families • General Advice, Support and Guidance to families <p><u>Resources Available</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Social Stories -Visual Schedules - Behaviour Programmes - Teletherapy -Sensory Advice - Handwashing -Activity Ideas/Homebased activities -Psychological Well being -Website Resources 	<p>Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm 087-644-4498.</p> <p style="color: red;">This service is available to existing service users only. Priority 1 and Priority 2 service users being offered support.</p>	<p>www.mwcds.ie</p>
East Limerick Children Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone Support • Resources to families • General Advice, Support and Guidance to families <p><u>Resources Available</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Social Stories -Visual Schedules - Behaviour Programmes --Sensory Advice - Handwashing -Activity Ideas/Homebased activities -Psychological Well being -Website Resources 	<p>Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm 087-647-0224.</p> <p style="color: red;">This service is available to existing service users only. Priority 1 and Priority 2 service users being offered support.</p>	<p>www.mwcds.ie</p>

<p>St Gabriel's Children Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone Support • Resources to families • General Advice, Support and Guidance to families <p><u>Resources Available</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Social Stories -Visual Schedules - Behaviour Programmes --Sensory Advice - Handwashing - Activity Ideas/Homebased activities - Psychological Well being - Website Resources 	<p>Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm 083-079-0025</p> <p>This service is available to existing service users only. Priority 1 and Priority 2 service users being offered support.</p>	<p>www.mwcds.ie</p>
<p>West Limerick Children's Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone Support • Resources to families • General Advice, Support and Guidance to families <p><u>Resources Available</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Social Stories -Visual Schedules - Behaviour Programmes -Teletherapy -Sensory Advice - Handwashing -Activity Ideas/Homebased activities -Psychological Well being -Website Resources 	<p>Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm 069-61919 (ext 200)</p> <p>This service is available to existing service users only. Priority 1 and Priority 2 service users being offered support.</p>	<p>www.mwcds.ie</p>

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OTHER USEFUL SUPPORTS FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES			
Barnardos Parents Support Service	<p>Barnardos have set up a national Parent Support Phone/Email Service which is available to any parent who has a concern about the impact of Covid -19 on family life. Parents will be able to talk directly to one of our staff about the following types of issues and to get advice and support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to talk to your children about the corona virus - Setting a good routine - Managing children’s behaviours and sibling dynamics - Managing aggression and family discord - Home schooling - Fostering natural learning opportunities at home - Healthy Eating - Accessing fun and educational activities for families and individual children - Self-care for parents - Managing children’s online activity 	<p>1800 910 123 between 10.00am and 2.00pm Monday to Friday</p> <p>parentsupport@barnardos.ie.</p>	<p>www.barnardos.ie</p>
ISPCC Support Line	<p>This service is aimed at individuals who have family relationships or parenting needs, as well as those who may have concerns in relation to children. The ISPCC support line provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information on services available/signposting - Advice of family relationships issues, parenting and coping strategies - Advice of child development and the impact of certain situations on children - Guidance and referral to statutory services to assist with child welfare and protection issues - Support and guidance on issues such as bullying, cyber safety, mental health, child abuse, parenting and social support 	<p>Contact number for this number changes daily.</p> <p>Go to www.ispcc.ie/ispcc-support-line for up to date number.</p>	<p>www.ispcc.ie/ispcc-support-line</p>

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Parentline Ireland	Parentline offers support, information and guidance on all aspects of being a parent.	1890-927-277 or 01-87333-500 Monday – Thursday, 10am – 9pm Friday 10am – 4pm info@parentline.ie	
Jigsaw Limerick	For Parents and guardians <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Live webinars 2. Peer to peer videos 3. Online Mental Health Courses 	www.jigsawonline.ie Any new referrals have been informed of the suspended service and are currently not being offered sessions but being told they will be called back when sessions are up and running again.	All of the details are available on www.jigsawonline.ie Google “jigsaw online sitemap” for a list of the whole site content



Parenting Limerick is a network of organisations which offer parenting and family support in Limerick city and county. Parenting Limerick is a sub-group of the Limerick Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC).



Limerick CYPSC is part of a national initiative that brings together senior representatives of agencies that have a remit to deliver services to children, young people and their families around one table. Its purpose is to enhance the coordination of services and improve outcomes for children, young people and families.



Tusla Child and Family Agency is responsible for supporting and promoting the development, welfare and protection of children, and the effective functioning of families. Tusla provides a key operational role in the CYPSC initiative

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