

Parenting Support Strategy Projects:

1

Promotion of the Principles for Parenting Support.

2

Promotion of the '50 Key Messages', including Parenting24Seven (see www.tusla.ie).

3

Parental Participation, including a Parental Participation Toolkit and training workshops.

4

Establishment of a Parenting Support Champion Network with existing staff from Tusla and partner organisations.

5

A series of conferences on parenting.

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Supporting Parents to Improve Outcomes for Children



Tusla Parenting Support Strategy

Tusla is committed to providing **high quality supports and services** to children and their families at the earliest opportunity across all levels of need. Providing help to children and families at an early stage can prevent situations getting worse. We know that if **we invest in early support services** we can keep many children safe from harm. **Working in partnership** is a very important aspect of this work. We aim to work closely with families, other agencies and professionals so that we can respond quickly to the needs of children. Early identification and provision of help at community level is in **children's best interests**.

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The purpose of the Parenting Support Strategy is to ensure that there are appropriate supports and services available to parents within their community and that these services are accessible and friendly.

Supports will be available to parents at all stages of their children's development, from birth to the teenage years and beyond when needed. It is hoped, in this way, to encourage a partnership approach to improving outcomes for children and families.

What do we mean by Parenting Support?

Parenting Support is both a way of working and a set of activities that provides information, advice and assistance to parents and carers about bringing up their children, so that these children will reach their full potential.

Examples of Parenting Supports include parent and toddler groups, home-based, group-based and school-based parenting programmes and Meitheal.

Action Plan

Delivery of the Parenting Support Strategy will be through four main goals as follows:

- 1** Parenting Support will be an important part of the work of Tusla and parenting supports and services will be **included** in all plans for children and families in all areas.
- 2** We will use **the best evidence** we have about what works for parents and families when we are thinking about and delivering supports and services.
- 3** Parenting supports and services **will be available in all areas**, at all stages of the lifecourse and at all levels of need.
- 4** Parents **using the supports and services will experience them as being friendly and accessible**.

