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Regional Learning Groups



Empathise
Energise
Empower

PARENTING
SUPPORT
CHAMPIONS
PROJECT

The Parenting Support Champions Project 2016

- 102 Champions nationally
- **Four Regional Induction Sessions** have taken place: South (Cork) on 27th June; DNE (Dublin) on 29th June; West (Sligo) on 7th July; DML (Dublin) on 20th July.
- **Training Session for PSCs on Parenting24seven Key messages** took place in October/November 2016: 24th October Dublin (Brunel), 3rd November Sligo (Radisson), 4th November Dublin (Brunel), 9th November Cork (Bessborough)

National Learning and Networking

A community of practice is a space where a group of people come together to share their experiences and knowledge in creative ways that foster new and improved approaches to delivering services and programmes (Wenger & Snyder, 2000).

National induction Days Learning Themes identified by Parenting Support Champions

- Learn about Parenting Programmes (Evidence Based Learning)
- Engaging minority/seldom heard groups
- Different parenting contexts (e.g. teen parents)
- Share ideas from other areas- peer learning
- Parenting Across the life course (early years etc.)

National Induction Days Ideas Generator for the Project

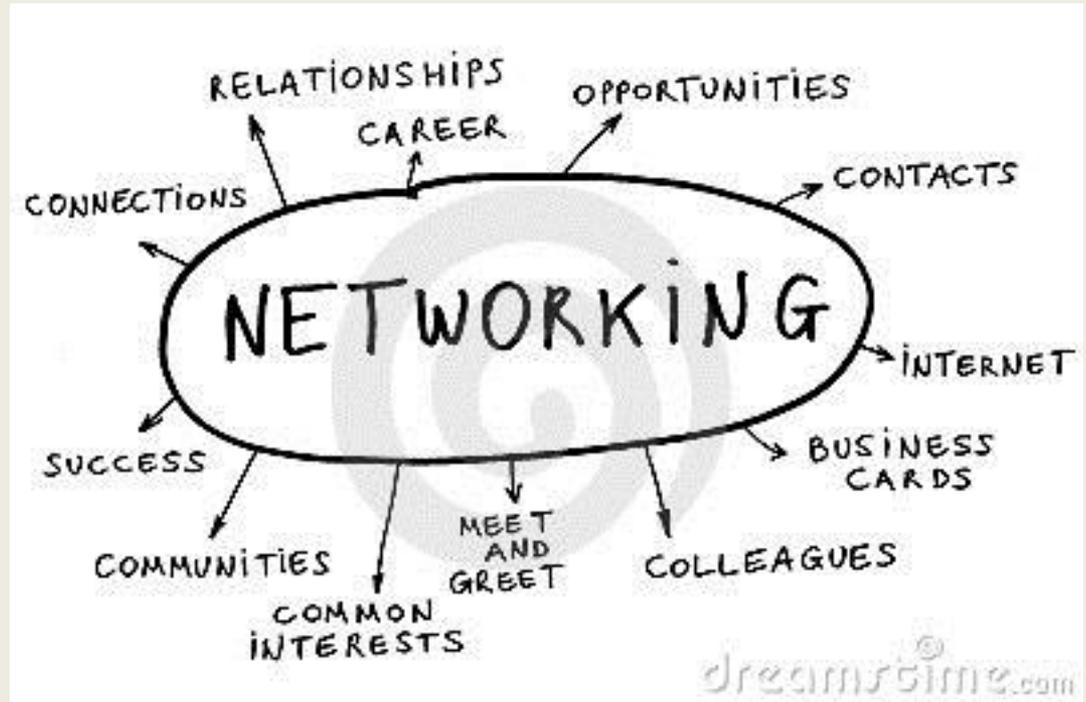


Ideas

‘Have regional contact meetings rather than just a National hub (i.e. Dublin)’

‘Share good examples of what PSC are doing across the country – on a website/shared portal perhaps?’

‘Link with CYPSC work would be important to cover for current best practice standards’



Ideas

‘Identify what supports are in our area’.

‘Have parents from disadvantaged communities involved as early as possible’.

‘Create a space where supports from level 2, 3 and 4 can enhance skills of level 1 services, i.e. making this common practice’



Ideas

‘Possible to develop an App that links with P247?’

‘Have a one stop shop in terms of providing information on services’

‘Translated into different languages’

‘P247 links to video clips or audio that supports parents where English is not their first language’



Ideas

‘Parenting Support/Education multi-media campaign. Make it acceptable for all parents to attend programmes’

‘Develop an on-line forum for parents to input their issues/comments/experiences in order to shape the future responses ‘



Parent Learning Themes identified by Parenting Support Champions

- Internet Safety , Social Media & Technology
- Practical Help / Accessing Services/ Signposting
- Bullying, incl. cyber bullying
- Parenting across the life course
- Relationship building with child
- Children's mental health and well being
- Disability , special needs and services

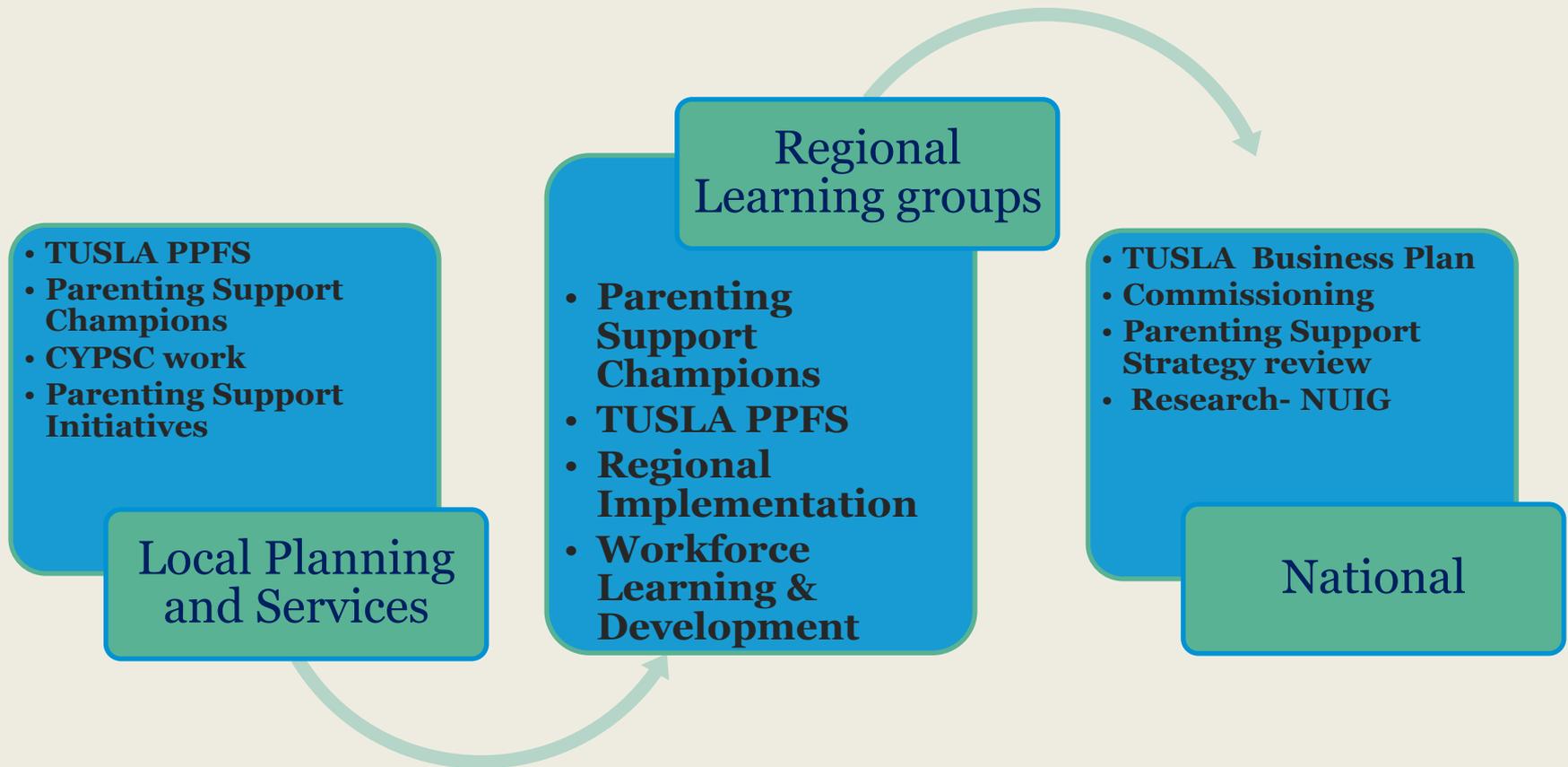
Regional Learning Groups Terms of Reference

- **Create opportunities for learning through peer engagement, supporting parenting and attendance at training and networking events.**
- **Capacity building**
- **Sharing and promoting resources and information on parenting**
- **Parental participation**
- **Reflective Practice**
- **Recognising best practice in parenting support**

Bi annual Meetings

- Parenting Support Champions
 - Two Training & Development Officers from each region
 - Regional Implementation Manager
 - Senior Manager for PPFS (or designate)
 - Regional Participation and Partnership Officer
- Regional Learning Group - Research – NUIG

Regional Learning Groups and Parenting Support Strategy



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Effective Parenting Support

- Evidence informed parenting support approaches and services

Parenting Initiatives

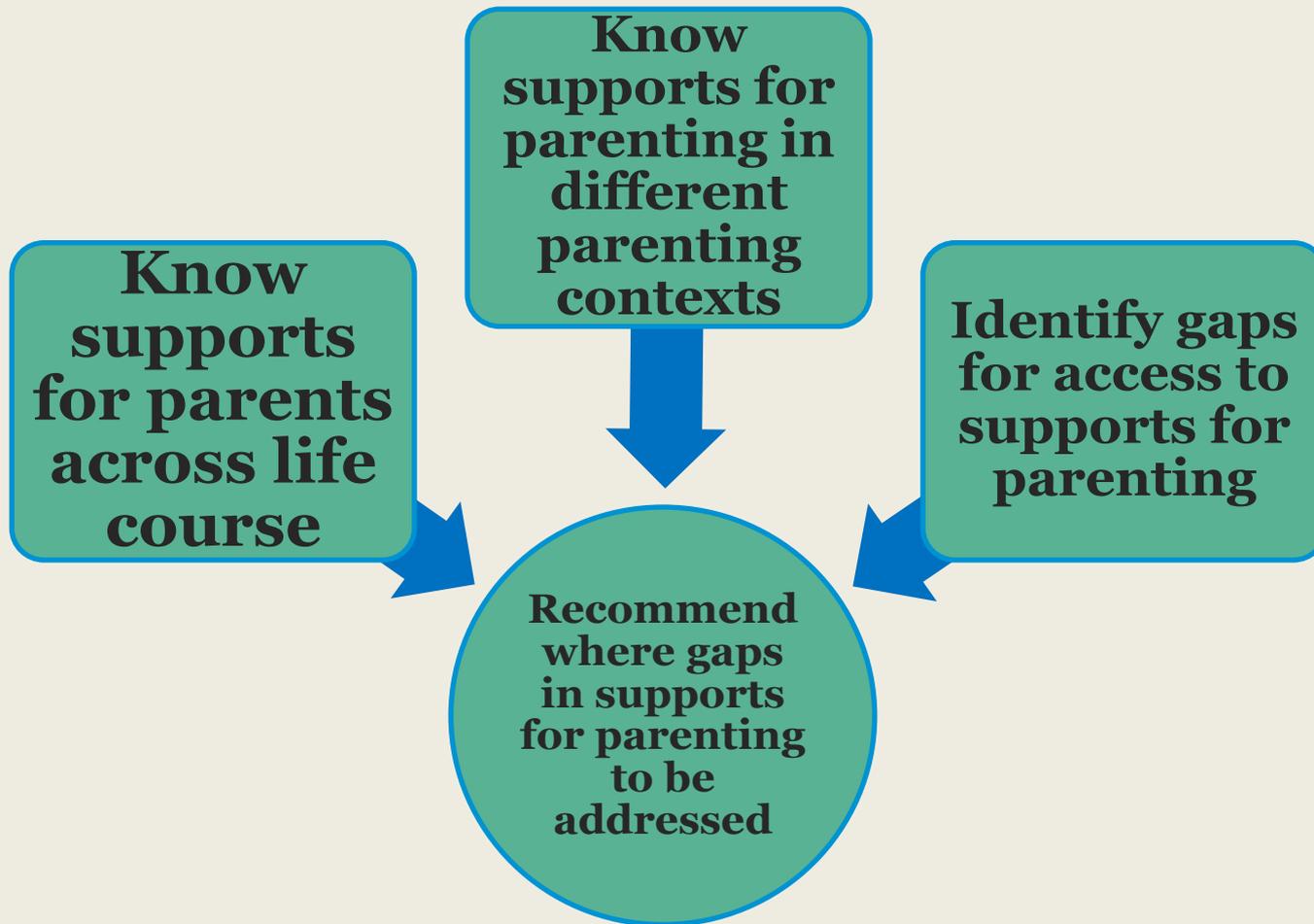
- Local and Regional
- e.g. CYPSC & ABC programme

Parenting 24 Seven messages

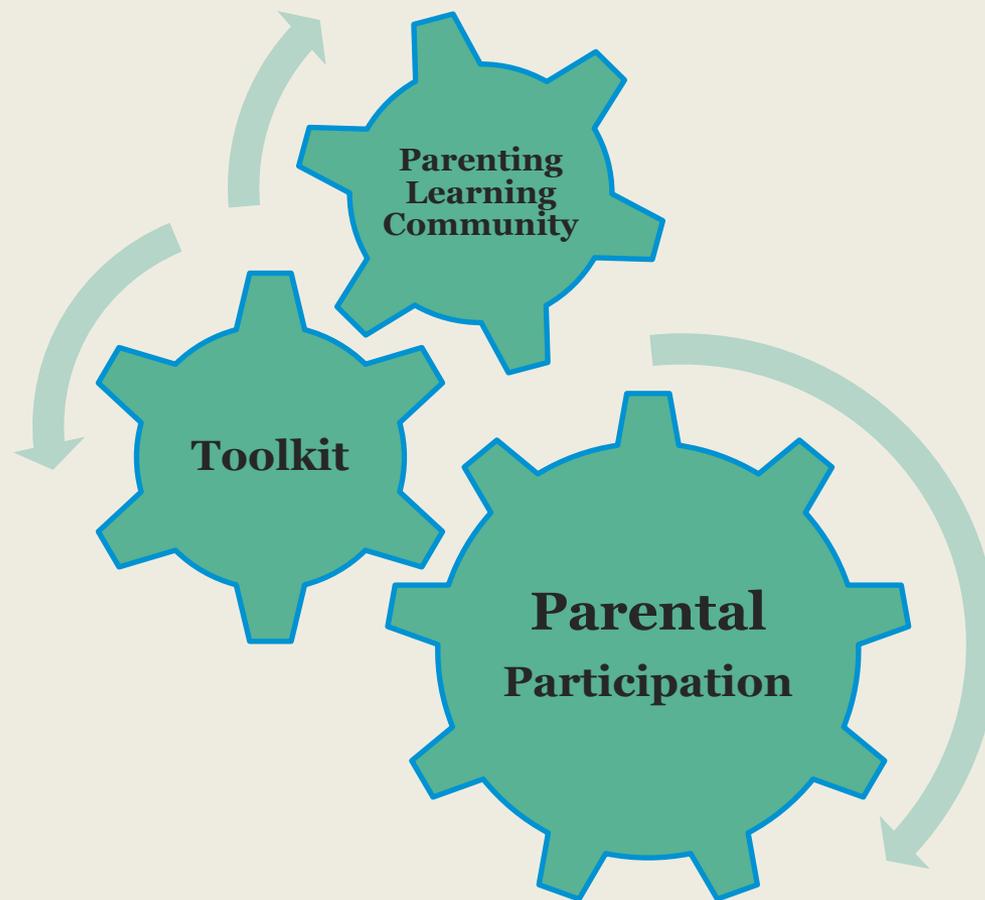
Regional and local dissemination

Parental Participation

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Outcomes For Parents

Be informed of key parenting messages and know how to access to these messages easily.

Using key parenting messages with their family and sharing them with others in a parenting role.

Be availing of the parenting learning community.

Experiencing services as accessible, timely, engaging, friendly and participatory.

Feel empowered through participation in the process



Outcomes for Children & Young People

Receiving the best support possible from those in a parenting role.

Engaging in quality relationships with those in a parenting role.

Have increased sense of connection, belonging and participation within communities.

Be safe and protected from harm in all aspects of their lives



Outcomes for Parenting Support Champions

- ✓ Knowledge of the Parenting Support Strategy and key parenting initiatives.
- ✓ Confidently and efficiently disseminating parenting messages to key stakeholders
- ✓ Be participatory in practice
- ✓ Have continued focus on a relationship based approach
- ✓ Have integrated and sustained a culture of learning

- ✓ Benefiting from the project through peer learning and attendance at learning events
- ✓ Have a framework in place for the practice of sharing information at national, regional and local level
- ✓ Have supported the Parenting Support Champions Learning Groups in establishing the Parenting Learning Communities

