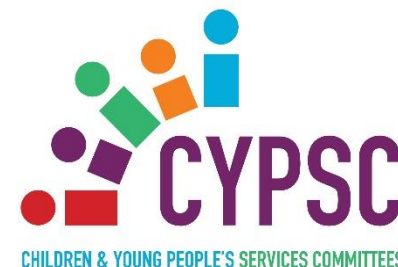




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Parenting Support & CYPSC

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Parenting Support Champions Project, Planning & Networking Day

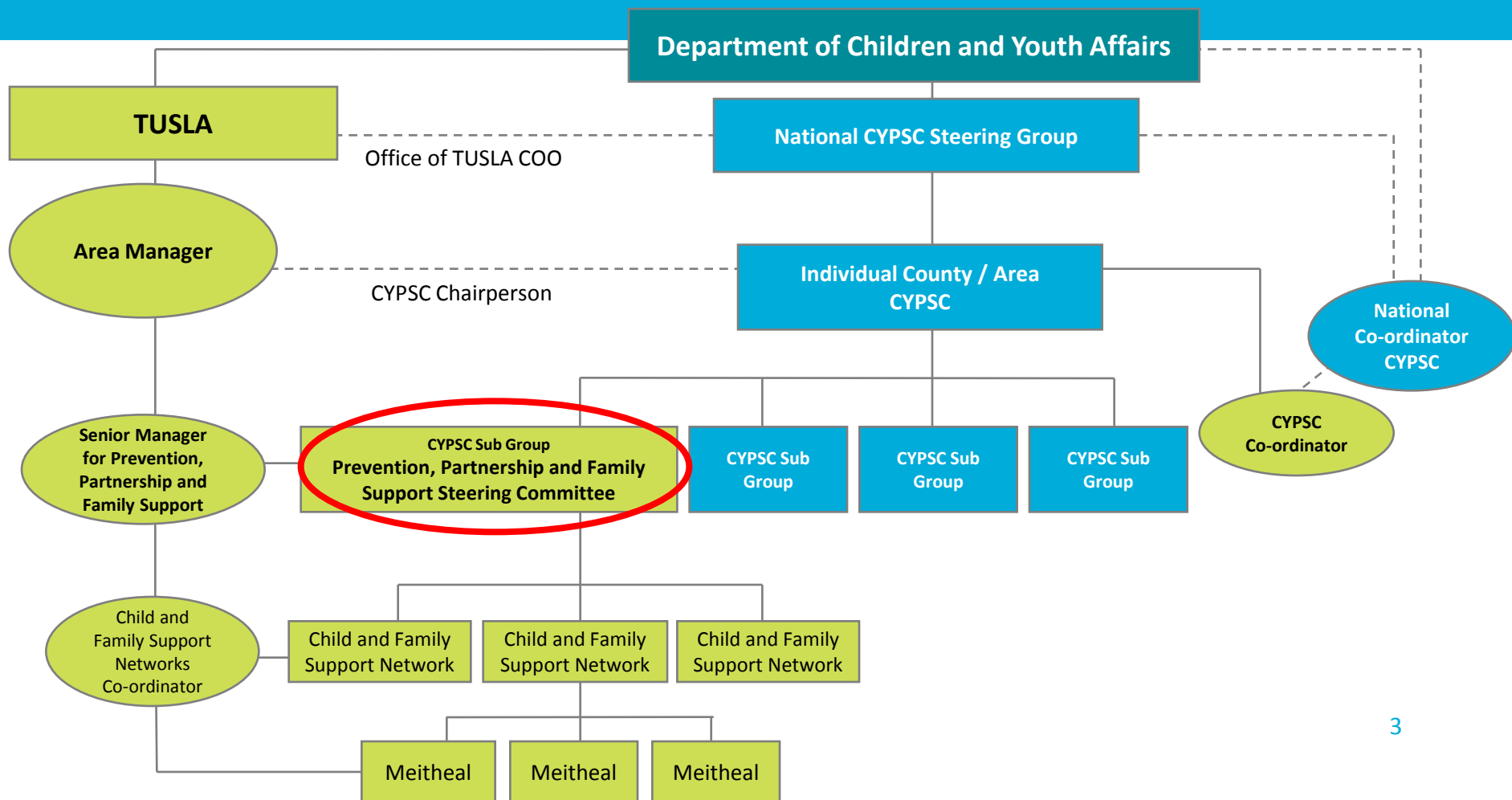
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Children and Young People's Services Committees

Local interagency structures to improve outcomes for children & young people

- Committees are responsible for **improving the lives of children, young people and families** throughout the county at local and community level
- **Age remit:** 0 – 24 years
- Bring together a diverse group of public and not-for-profit organisations in **local county areas**
- Engage in **joint planning and co-ordination of services for children and young people**
- First four Committees established in **2007**; currently 23 committees in 23 counties or 27 local authority areas – at 88% coverage.
- **National roll out ongoing - all counties in Ireland will have a CYPSC**

Connectivity between CYPSC and TUSLA PPFS





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Commitment: Better Outcomes Brighter Futures

- **G2.** Ensure planning and co-ordination of parenting supports at local level through Children's Services Committees [now CYPSC].

(Tusla, DCYA, DJE, HSE, Local Government)

Role of the CYPSC Co-ordinator

- support the establishment and development of the CYPSC and its sub-groups;
- communicate a clear sense of purpose and direction on behalf of the CYPSC;
- co-ordinate the development and implementation of the CYPSC's 3-year Children and Young People's Plan;
- assist the overall committee and sub-groups to implement the 3-year work plan and monitor progress in line with the five national outcomes for children and young people as set out in *Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures*



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1. How are CYPSC addressing BOBF, G2?

Organisation e.g. sub groups, working groups, plans

Information gathering e.g. mapping, desk research, survey

Information dissemination e.g. directory, website, calendar

Delivery e.g. programmes, groups



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2. What are the challenges?

Co-ordination

- Buy-in from agencies.
- Moving beyond information sharing
- Communication across boundaries
- Changes in personnel
- Competition
- Referral systems

Information gathering

- Data collection, data sharing
- Information sharing
- Data protection



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2. What are the challenges?

Provision

- Resourcing
- Distribution
- Quality assurance

Policy

- Commissioning
- Change in CCC remit
- PPFS



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3. Perceived successes

Co-ordination

- Added value
- Information sharing
- ID gaps and needs
- Mapping
- Trust

Information provision

- Access

Provision

- Engagement with “seldom heard”
- Earlier intervention



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4. Measuring progress:

Children and Young People's Plan

Indicator, e.g. removal from Child protection notification system

Consumer feedback / experience

Programme evaluation

On-line supports

The collage features several websites providing online support:

- Parent Hub DONEGAL**: Your online resource for all things parenting. Includes sections for Home, About Us, and News.
- Parenting Support.ie**: A website with a large orange banner and a navigation menu including Home, Who We Are, and Parents.
- Sligo Leitrim**: Services in Sligo and Leitrim for young people & families. Features a search bar to "Find a service near you" and a list of services including Physical health & Disability, Youth Services & Activities for young people, and General Services.
- FAMILY SUPPORT MEATH**: A website with a large image of a woman and a child, with a "CHOOSE YOUR SERVICE" button.
- WEXFORD CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES**: A website with a navigation menu including Home, About Us, and Services. It features a section for "Services providing family support".
- LOVE PARENTING**: A website with a large banner that says "www.loveparenting.ie Being a parent is... the most important job in the world". It includes a "welcome" section and a "find us on social media" section.
- TUSLA**: An Child Welfare Agency. Features a section for "Adoption" with contact information for Roches Road.
- Barnardos**: A website with a section for "Adoption" and contact information for Castlehill, Ennis.

Other visible elements include a "Crisis Services" section with the text "If you need urgent help for a list of crisis services", a "Teens (13-18)" section, and a "WELCOME TO PARENTS" section.

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