



Early Years Child Protection Programme

Mandatory Reporting of Child Protection Concerns – Commencing December 11th, 2017

5 Steps to Prepare for the Children First Act, 2015	
<p>Step 1</p> <p><i>E-Learning</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Take the Tusla e-learning module, Introduction to Children First, which provides introductory information about the new legal requirements. > Everyone working or involved in an early years service should complete the course including staff, board members and volunteers. > It is recommended that in addition to completing the e-learning module a minimum of 2 people in each service attend Always Children First Child Protection Training. Training will be available through your local Childcare Committee from March, 2018.
<p>Step 2.</p> <p><i>Download and Read</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Children First Guidance 2017 > A Guide for Reporting Child Protection and Welfare Concerns.
<p>Step. 3</p> <p><i>Inform staff</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > If you are a chairperson or service manager, make sure all staff and team members have been informed about the new legal obligations before December 11th, 2017.
<p>Step 4.</p> <p><i>Develop a Child Safeguarding Statement</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Start Developing your Child Safeguarding Statement – you have until March 11th, 2018. > Read the Guidance on developing a Child Safe Guarding Statement: Download here.
<p>Step 5</p> <p><i>Attend a Briefing Session</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Look out for our Briefing Sessions on the Children First Act, 2015 for early years services in early 2018.