



FAMILY CENTRED PRACTICE
***Working Together to Support Children and Young People with a Disability
and their Families***

2nd National PDS Conference
December 6th
Mary Immaculate College, Limerick

PROGRAMME

- 8.30 Registration tea/coffee
- 9.15 Doors Closing Sharp/Housekeeping!
- 9.20 Welcome Address
- 9.40 Opening: Minister Finian McGrath
- 10.00 **Key Note Speaker**
Barriers & Facilitators of Collaborative Goal Setting with Families – Reflections from a pilot:
- Suzanne Bradley, Senior Occupational Therapist & Deirdre Hayes, Senior Physiotherapist,
HSE Limerick School Age Team & Dr Anne O'Connor, Lecturer in Clinical Psychology, NUIG
- 10.30 Q & A
- 10.40 **Morning Plenary chaired by Fergus Finlay**
- 1 Impact of Team Dynamics on Family Centres Practice – Reflections on the Journey:
- Fazlyn Carr, Senior Speech and Language Therapist & Aine Boyle, Senior Occupational
Therapist, North Kildare Network Disability Team
 - 2 Learning through Play, An NCBI Early Years Initiative Connecting Families of Children with
Sight Loss:
- Caroline Lane, NCBI Children Services Team Lead and Parent (tbc)
 - 3 Embedding Family Centred Practice into Children's Disability Network Teams, A Care Pathway in
Action for Children aged 3-5 with Complex Needs
- Roz Fitzgerald, Speech and Language Therapist & Greta Cronin, Occupational Therapist,
Mid KIDS Team
- 11.30 Q & A
- 11.45 Transition Break
- 12.15 **Breakout Workshops for Group 1 / Lunch & Posters Review for Group 2**
- 1 Supporting Parents as Confident Champions: Implications for Practise
- Dr. Anne O'Connor, Lecturer in Clinical Psychologist, National University Galway
 - 2 'Families in Crises': Family Centred Interventions to Support Parents and their Children with
Autism and Complex Behavioural Needs
- Debbie Hourican & Aoife St John, Clinical Nurse Specialists in Autism & Behaviours of Concern,
Daughters of Charity, Dublin
 - 3 Motor Management Programme in Kildare West Wicklow.
- Amanda O'Sullivan, Senior Physiotherapist & Adrienne Gillan, Senior Occupational Therapist,
Mid Kildare Network Disability Team

- 4 Family Centred Care in Early Intervention: An Ecological Approach
 - Dr. Elaine McCarthy, HSE Early Intervention Team, North Dublin
- 5 Stay Together, Play Together: Using DIR Floortime to Coach and Empower Parent-Child Relationships
 - Gino Lerario, Senior Early Intervention Educator & Karen Arnold, Senior Speech and Language Therapist, North Tipperary Children's Services, Early Intervention Team
- 6 Improving Access to Autistic Spectrum Disorder Assessment & Intervention
 - Dr Sean Brennan, Senior Psychologist & Mary McMahon, Senior Speech and Language Therapist, Children's Development Team, Cavan Monaghan.
- 7 A Collaboration with a local University Transition Group for young people with Autistic Spectrum
 - Miriam Slattery, Senior Social Worker & Jessica Patchell, Social Worker, HSE Beechpark Services, North Dublin
- 8 Introducing & Implementing a Process to Measure Outcomes within an Early Intervention Team, Our Experience on the Galway South & East Springtime Early Intervention Team
 - Aisling Jones, Senior Occupational Therapist, Galway Springtime Early Intervention Services
- 9 Sharing the Journey, Exploring a Parent Perspective on Family Centred Practice
 - Teresa McDonnell, SJChair & Theresa Eccels, Sharing the Journey Parent to Parent Network
- 10 Supporting Family Resilience: the Contribution of Family Centred Group Work
 - Deirdre Keegan, Senior Social Worker, Central Remedial Clinic & Angela Mullaly, Grandparent

1.30 **Breakout Workshops for Group 2 / Lunch & Posters Review for Group 1**

2.45 **Afternoon Plenary chaired by Carol Cuffe**

- 1 Three Key Points from morning Workshops: Carol Cuffe
- 2 Developing a care pathway for children who have Autism Spectrum Disorder in a Children's Disability Network Team – how to ensure it is embedded in Family Centred Practice:
 - Patrick Hynes, Senior Occupational Therapist & Dr Maria Gomes, Senior Clinical Psychologist, St Gabriel's Children's Services, Limerick
- 3 Shifting Perspective – The Shift in Culture needed to embed Family Centred Practice in Children's Disability Network Teams:
 - Barbara Shinnors, School Age Disability Team Coordinator/Dietitian Manager, CRC Dublin & Ruth Fitzgerald, Parent.
- 4 Collaborative Proactive Solutions: A Model of Practice that keeps Families at the Centre when helping Children with Challenging Behaviour:
 - Dr. Toby Sachsenmaier, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Clare Children's Services & Mark Kenny, Parent
- 5 Just For Dads , An Initiative to Promote Engagement with Fathers:
 - Dr. Tony Rogerson, Senior Psychologist, School Age Team. South Kildare Network Disability Team

4.00 Q&A

4.30 Conference Wrap up