

Cork County Childcare Committee

CHILD MINDING

Childminding or Potential Childminders

Did you know that the following FREE and confidential services are available to Childminder's in Cork?

- Training - Including Quality Awareness Programme
- Support
- Information
- Networking
- Childminder Development Grant



Are you aware that Childminding accounts for 80% of all childcare in Ireland?

Childminding is rapidly becoming a recognised career option in its own right and because of this you as a Childminder should be proud of the very worthwhile job you are doing.

Childminder's can be supported in offering a quality Childminding service? through:

- Quality Awareness Programme
- First aid
- Health & Safety
- Child protection
- Workshops
- Seminars
- Conferences
- Networks



A Childminding information pack is freely available as a practical guide for Childminders to provide quality homebased family day care.

Networking: Would you like to meet with other Childminders in your locality. Details of local Childminder Networks are available from The Childcare Committee.

Childminding Ireland

Childminding Ireland is a national Association for Childminder's in Ireland and is committed to the development of quality homebased childcare. They are available for confidential advice to Childminder's

Contact Details: Wicklow Enterprise Park, The Murrough, Wicklow Town. Ph. 0404 64007

Cork County Childcare Committee

Cork County Childcare Committee are a co-ordinating body for all childcare services in Cork County and support the development and provision of a range of integrated, high quality, accessible and affordable care and educational initiatives for children through, offering training, applying for grants and support when setting up a service etc.

The Childminding Initiative of the Childcare Committee offers, support, information, training & networking opportunities for Childminders or potential Childminders



A parents guide to choosing a childminder

- Does the childminder relate well with children?
- What childcare experience does the childminder have?
- Will the childminder welcome your child into their family?
- Will the childminder provide equal opportunities?
- Is the childminder a good listener?
- Can you visit unexpectedly while your child is being minded?
- Do you feel free to talk and express your feelings with your childminder?
- Will the childminder keep written records?
- What will happen if your child becomes ill?
- How will the childminder promote positive behaviour?
- How many other children will the childminder be caring for?
- Will the childminder have insurance cover?
- Can the childminder provide a safe, secure & stimulating environment?
- What are the sleeping arrangements for the children?
- What about outings?
- Who else shares the home of the childminder?
- Will the children be supervised at all times?
- What emergency plans are in place?
- Has the childminder been in contact with the local Childcare Committee?

*It is important to recognise Childminder's as professionals, offering a professional service. The service is a homebased, personal, flexible, adaptable and child centred.
For a detailed guide to choosing a childminder contact*

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