Dear Colleagues,

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 7th-11th October 2024.

**DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Thursday 24th October 2024 @ 5pm**

AIM level 1 LINC Coordinator deadline for new graduates

**Wednesday 13th November**

QIPP template will become available

**Monday 16th December 2024**

QIPP to be completed

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Quality & Inclusive Practice Plan (QIPP)**

It has recently been announced that a new Quality & Inclusive Practice Plan (QIPP) has been developed. It is an amalgamation of the Quality Action Plan (QAP) & Tackling Disadvantage Plan. A guidance document outlining the changes will be issued by October 16th. Access to the QIPP template will be available on the Core Funding Contractual Requirements Reporting System (cfcrrs.ie) and will commence from Wednesday 13th November. Partner Services are requested to complete their QIPP by Monday 16th December.

**AIM Plus & AIM Non-term Applications**

An update on the AIM Plus & AIM Non-term applications has been issued in the Announcement section of HIVE. It states that it may take up to 12 weeks for applications to be processed. Applications received by close of business on Friday 25th October will be eligible for backdating of funding. It has also been clarified that the review functionality is currently not available for AIM Plus or AIM Non-term applicants. If you have applied, please check the status of the application regularly as it may be referred back for amendments to be made.

**CYPSC Supporting Parents Train the Trainer Workshop**

CYPSY are running a train the trainer workshop which is available for professionals who engage and support parents on a regular basis. Further details on the workshop are available on the leaflet attached.

**Advanced Certificate in Early Learning & Care**

Cork College of FET have launched the Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care, giving staff the opportunity to become the lead educators and managers of tomorrow. Please see leaflet attached.

**AIM Level 1 (Linc Coordinator)**

AIM Level 1 applications are currently open on HIVE. Applications received by 5pm on October 24th 2024, for a new graduate will be backdated to the employment start date relevant to the 24/25 programme year. Applications after this date will not be backdated. Applicant guidelines can be found [here](http://earlyyearshive.ncs.gov.ie/how-to-guides/better-start-aim/).

**Compliance Framework Guidance**

The DCEDIY Compliance Framework Guidance document and FAQ can be accessed in English and Irish on the [Hive](https://earlyyearshive.ncs.gov.ie/downloads/downloads-ncs/).

**Fee Increase Assessment and Approval Process**

To submit an expression of interest or discuss the Fee Increase Assessment and Approval Process, please contact your Development Worker directly or info@corkchildcare.ie.

`**Pre-Registration Training for Childminders**

This training will support participants to understand the new childminding regulations and will provide all the information required to register with Tusla. This is a FREE training course and takes approximately 7 hours to complete. For further information please contact 022 23880 / info@corkchildcare.ie   Alternatively click on this [link](https://forms.office.com/e/ZbWgFB0PaU) or scan the QR Code below to book your place on our upcoming training dates. If these training dates don’t suit you, please contact info@corkchildcare.ie and we will add your name to a waiting list for the next training course.

**Communities of Professional Practice**

Cork County Childcare Committee with the support of local ELC and SAC services have established Communities of Professional Practice (CoPP) across the county. Communities of Professional Practice are open to all educators and managers working in ELC or SAC services. If you or members of your team would like to attend any of the upcoming Community of Professional Practice Events below, please click on this  [link](https://forms.office.com/e/pHnsk30yc2) to book your place.

* Clonakilty Park Hotel, Clonakilty – Tuesday 22nd October @7pm – 9:30pm

**Cork County Childcare Committee Facebook Page**

We invite you to visit our website [here](https://www.corkchildcare.ie/) and like and follow our Facebook page Cork County Childcare Committee Ltd for lots of updates and relevant content [here](https://www.facebook.com/people/Cork-County-Childcare-Committee-Ltd/100079059495356/) or scan the QR code.

**Covid Case Advice**

Please see below links to relevant information:

[Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/preventing-the-spread/child-returning-to-school-or-childcare/)

[Management of Infectious Disease in Childcare Facilities and Other Childcare Settings (2012)](https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/lifestages/childcare/File%2C13444%2Cen.pdf)

General Covid-19 queries:  Contact HSE on 1800 700 700 between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am - 5 pm Saturday and Sunday / [HSE Covid 19](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/)