



Newsletter



Blackberry Park Children's Disability Network Team

Managers Message

Welcome everyone to the first Blackberry Park Children's Disability network team (CDNT) Newsletter. This newsletter was developed with families who attend our service. We hope to share this newsletter with you, four times during the year. Hopefully you will find it informative and helpful.

CDNT Manager.



Meet Your Speech and Language Therapists (SLT)

We have two SLT's (full time & part time) on the 0-9 years team -Emma and Fiona. We also have two SLTs (full time) on the 9-18 years team - Claire and Jillian. Alice is another full time SLT who works across both teams. Speech and Language Therapists work with children to maximise their communication potential.

Useful Tips/Suggestions from your SLTs:

Objects of reference: Objects of reference are objects that show what the next activity or place to go is. When we show them these objects enough over time children begin to understand what happens next when they are given the object. When children know what is happening, they are more ready to learn and respond well to where they are and what they are expected to do.

Learn more here



Your Family Network

Please join us at your next Family Network Meeting!

When: 10th April at 10 a.m.

Where: Moyross Community Centre, V94VONP

Updates From Your Last Family Network Meeting:

- The new introduction to services booklet has been developed and will be distributed to incoming families soon.
- There are now resources and links to information available on our website. Take a look





Upcoming Events



February

- Total Communication Group
- Managing Behaviours Workshop*
- Social Superstars
- Youth Club

March

- Early Communication Group
- Introduction to CDNT Services Morning *
- Lego Group
- Youth Club
- Autism Parent training (Cygnets 4-9 y)
- Social and Life Skills Group

April

- Autism Parent training (Cygnets 9-18 y)
- Toileting Workshop*
- Family Network Coffee Morning*
- Lego Group
- Parent Workshop: Strategies to Support a Healthy Relationship with Food*

May

- Autism Parent training (Cygnets 9-18 y)
- Decider Skills: Managing Emotions
- Parent Workshop: Self - Harm in Young People: Guidance and Strategies*
- Parent Workshop: Guiding your young person through Puberty, Relationship & Sexuality Issues*

The groups above are either targeted interventions or * Universal supports.

Invitations to targeted interventions are based on goals identified by your child or family in your plan and the waiting lists for these events.

*Universal supports are offered to all on the caseload, including those on the waitlist.

Community Resources:

Citizens Information Clinic

Meet with your local Citizens Information Adviser for help with queries on social welfare allowances, housing and much more. Visits every 2 months to Blackberry.
Contact reception to book a slot.

Northside Parent Peer Support Group:

- For parents with children of Additional Needs.
- Starting 6th March, Twice a month, Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.
- Contact Rosie: 061-326623

Your Children's Disability Network Teams Current Vacancies

We currently have vacancies in Occupational therapy and Psychology.

Vacant posts can be applied for at:
<http://enableireland.ie/about-us/careers>

Children's and Young Person's Services

For more information on community services in your area, please visit the Children and Young People's Services Committee website by scanning the QR code.

www.cypsc.ie

