

## **Colin Neighbourhood Partnership Fathers' Support Service**

The priority aim for this project is to raise awareness within the community of the importance of dads and male care-givers in family life.

Damien Kavanagh, Fathers Development worker has said that he is '*looking forward to working with dads and male care-givers in this locality; offering advice, guidance, assistance and support on a one-to-one and group basis in the Colin area. I also look forward to working with community and statutory partners to assist in this respect*'.

### **We aim to:**

- Raise awareness of the important role of fathers and male carers in Colin family life.
- Facilitate healthy relationships between services, fathers and mothers in the best interests of Colin children.
- Offer tailored programmes on an individual and group basis to help fathers develop relationships with their children.
- Increase opportunities for fathers within the Colin area for learning, skills development and employability.
- Enhance fathers' roles in understanding and improving developmental outcomes for their children.
- Facilitate insight with fathers of the relevance of attachment in their parenting role.

### **Anticipated outcomes:**

- Increased positive social support networks
- Improved child health and development (incorporating paternal understanding)
- Improved attachment between father and child(ren)
- Increased paternal emotional health and wellbeing
- Increased paternal self-efficacy

### **Referrals:**

Referrals are accepted from fathers and from community and statutory partners, subject to referral criteria and allocation at referral panel.

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## **CNP Fathers' Support Service Referral Criteria**

### **ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- Fathers living in the Colin area
- Father care-giver has contact or wants contact with the child(ren)
- New / expectant fathers
- Referrer committed to initial meeting and review process

### **AND ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING**

Fathers who encounter or have a history of:

- Long-term physical or emotional vulnerability
- Substance/alcohol misuse
- Domestic violence
- Cared for child or care leaver
- Absence from parenting role by virtue of illness, imprisonment, etc.

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