

# **Implementation Learning Community**

## **Developments in Integrated Early Intervention Initiatives in the South of Ireland**

**Armagh 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

# DCYA led initiatives:

- Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures (2014)  
Transformational Goal: Earlier Intervention and Prevention.
- ***‘Emphasis and resources will have been rebalanced from crisis intervention towards prevention and earlier intervention, whilst ensuring an effective crisis intervention response at all times’.***

# Integrated Early Intervention Initiatives in the South

- **DCYA led: NEYAI**
- 2011-2014 : **11 projects** from around the country have been selected and funded under this initiative. Each of the selected projects has had a specific focus; parents, pedagogy, professionalism, language, numeracy and training.
- To improve access to quality early childhood care and education services for children and their families.

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# Anti-poverty initiative:DCYA & AP

3 main sites: 2007-2013:Young Ballymun;  
Northside Partnership and the Childhood  
Development Initiative in Tallaght

***To Implement a strategy of integrated,  
evidence-based prevention and early  
intervention supports for children, young  
people and families.***



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## Followed by the ABC initiative

*An area-based approach to child poverty, drawing upon best international practice and existing services, to break the cycle of child poverty where it is most deeply entrenched.*

*2013-2016 with a budget of €29.7m. This Initiative is building on and continuing the work of the Prevention and Early Intervention Programme (PEIP) which supported projects in Tallaght, Ballymun and Darndale.*

*9 areas have been selected to enter the design stage.*

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# The Prevention and Early Intervention Programme

- 24 evidence-based practice, advocacy and research organisations (e.g. Midlands Area Parenting Partnership; Lifestart; Jigsaw etc)
- The case for Prevention and Early Intervention(2014)

# Children's Services Committees: DCYA led:

- A structure for joint planning of services for children.
- All major organisations and agencies working locally on behalf of children and young people are to be represented on the CSCs.
- These committees are responsible for improving the lives of children and families at local and community level through integrated planning, working and service delivery.
- The overall purpose of the CSCs is to secure better developmental outcomes for children.
- 16 CSCs in the country+ National Co-Ordinator: DCYA initiative.+ Tusla lead responsibility.
- Important link to Local & Community Development Programme.

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# Development of the agenda around prevention, partnership and family support in the new Child & Family Agency, Tusla:

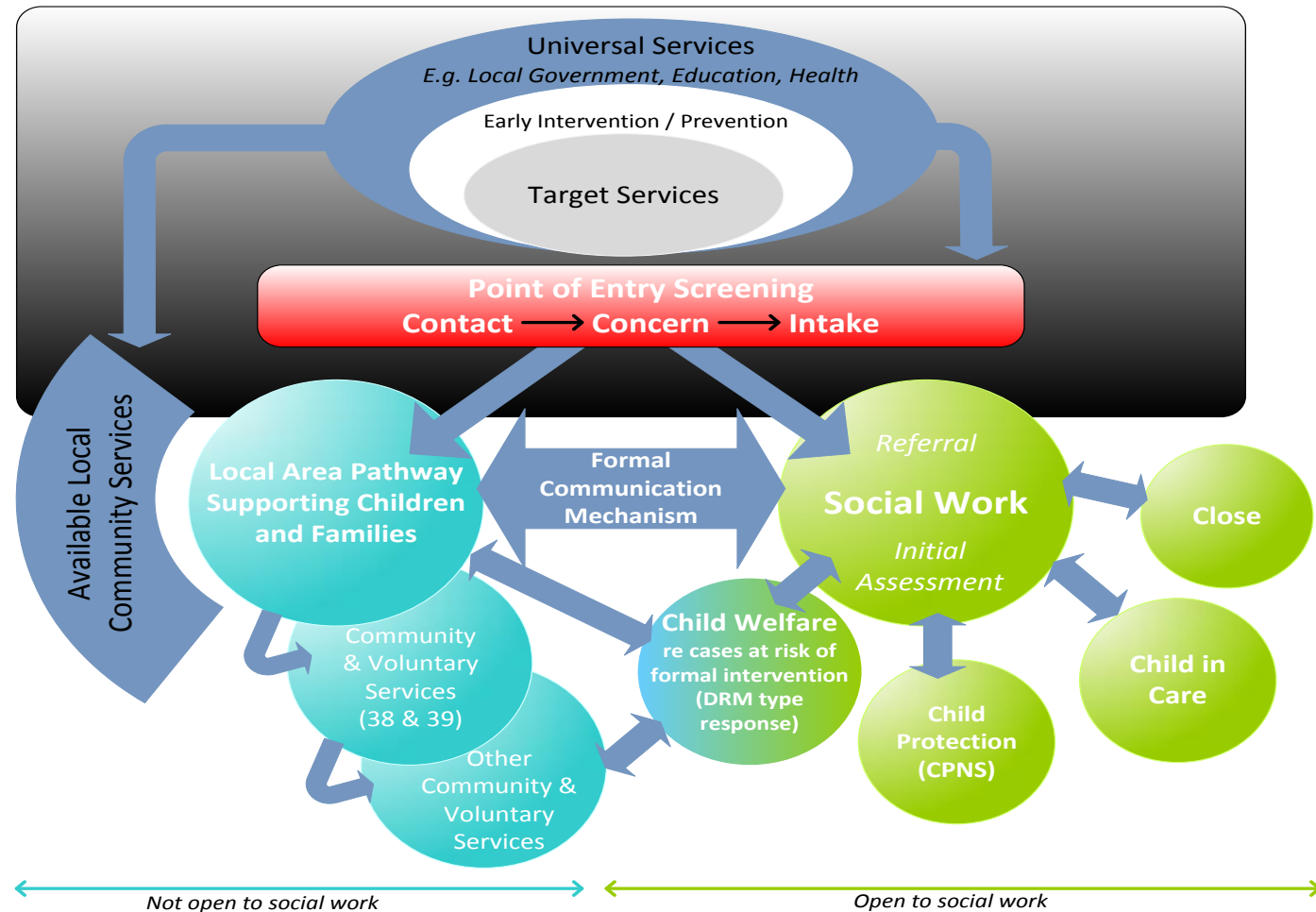
- A new National Service delivery Framework, and a
- Suite of policy, strategy and guidance documents on PP&FS: [www.tusla.ie](http://www.tusla.ie)



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# National Service Delivery Framework



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# Policy, Strategy & Guidance documents PP&FS

1. Guidance for Implementation of an Area Based Approach to Prevention, Partnership, and Family Support
2. 50 Key Messages: Supporting Parents to Improve Outcomes for Children
3. Investing in Families: Supporting Parents to Improve Outcomes for Children
4. What Works in Family Support?
5. Commissioning Guide for the Child and Family Agency
6. Meitheal- a National Practice Model for all agencies working with Children, Young People and their Families



# The PP&FS Programme of work

- **Each of these national policy/strategy/guidance documents are inter-related and need to be considered and implemented collectively to support the comprehensive development of prevention, partnership and family support service provision in the new Child & Family Agency.**



# Prevention, Partnership and Family Support

NATIONAL GUIDANCE &  
LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION  
August 2013



GUIDANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF AN AREA BASED APPROACH TO  
**PREVENTION, PARTNERSHIP  
AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

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# PPFS Governance of Local Area Pathway

- **Overall responsibility rests with the Child and Family Agency Area Manager**
- **Steering Committee/Sub-committee of Children's Services Committee will be established to support implementation**

**Operational responsibility rests with**

- **Principal for Prevention, Partnership and Family Support for the development of Child & Family Support Networks and the implementation of the case coordination National Practice Model, Meitheal.**
- **Co-ordinators of Child & Family Support Networks**



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