



Daughters of Charity  
Child and Family Service

## Who we are

The Daughters of Charity Child and Family Service (DoCCFS) is a not for profit funded service based in the Leinster region. All of our staff are professionally qualified to work with children.

Our Early Childhood Development Service (ECDS) is funded by the following:

- TUSLA Child and Family Agency
- Pobal
- ECCE (Dep. of Children and Youth Affairs)
- Mosney Management
- Reception and Integration Agency (RIA)

Families attending our service will be required to sign a consent form prior to their child being offered a place.

Consent relates to:

- Confidentiality
- Information gathering/sharing
- File keeping
- Outcomes Measures Questionnaire

## Our Values in the DoCCFS

**Respect**

**Honesty**

**Compassion**

**Justice**

**Fairness**

## What we offer

The DoCCFS provides quality early childhood care and education to children between two and six years. Our Centres operate the ECCE scheme which entitles your child to three hours of free pre-school five days per week for 38 weeks of the year.

Children attending our service are given the opportunity to play, learn, socialise and develop their independence skills in a safe, child centred, friendly, fun and nurturing environment. The ECDS provides a hot nutritious meal (in most centres) with a varied menu and healthy snacks each day. All dietary needs can be catered for.

The DoCCFS work in partnership with parents and referrers. As a professional organisation we work under legislation which strives to protect the rights and welfare of children. Each centre is Siolta Accredited and follow the Aistear curriculum in early years education. Our centres are inspected regularly by TUSLA's Pre-School Inspection team.

Our staff are provided with on-going training, support and supervision.

Fees vary per centre.

Please contact the centre manager for further information. Referrals are accepted from a variety of referral sources. Self referrals are welcome. All places are allocated by a selection committee. However, priority is given to Social Work referrals.

## Other services and support we offer

In partnership with parent and carers, child development is supported in numerous ways in our centres. Our staff are trained to use child observational records (which is part of the Highscope curriculum) that support the child's development in competence, confidence and creativity throughout his/her placement.

The child's social, emotional, spiritual, cognitive and communication skills are encouraged and supported in preparation for school readiness and independence.

Children with additional needs are supported, with onward referrals to appropriate services where required e.g. Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Assessment of Needs etc.

Children attending are provided with opportunities to express themselves through the media of art, music, sport and child literature and most importantly in a learning atmosphere of fun, tolerance and respect. Outdoor play is an important part of our curriculum in all ECDS Centres.

Parents are provided with formal and informal supports which include:

- Parenting Programmes
- Educational Talks
- Parents Advisory Committees
- Parent/Toddler Groups
- Family fun days, sports days, celebrations and open days

## Helping us to Help you

The Daughters of Charity Child and Family Service are committed to research and evaluation of our service. Research led by Trinity College Dublin is currently being carried out with families attending our Service.

We require your co-operation and participation in helping us to support the children and families that we work with. You will be asked to complete a detailed questionnaire, which will allow us to measure the effectiveness of our work with you.

Your information will be stored securely and confidentially. Any reports we generate (for our funders or research) will be completely anonymous and you will be part of thousands of families assisting us in validating and improving our services.

If you would like to make a referral or know more about our ECDS Service please contact us. You can get more information on [www.docchildandfamily.ie](http://www.docchildandfamily.ie)



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## Our Mission Statement

The Daughters of Charity Child and Family Service, recognising the essential dignity and potential of every person and the right of every child to live as full a life as possible within his or her own family, undertakes to deliver quality services to children at risk and families most in need.



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Meeting the needs of families in a constantly changing world



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