



Deansrath  
Family Centre

Promoting Stability through Positive Parenting

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**We urgently need capital funding so that we can  
continue to meet the needs of our community**



**Thank you for taking the time to read about the valuable work being undertaken by Deansrath Family Centre**

## Introduction

**Community is at the heart of all the work at Deansrath Family Centre.**

Our highly experienced staff are dedicated to serving the needs of the families in Clondalkin to ensure that all children reach their potential, and that parents are equipped and supported at every step of their child's journey. Understanding our community's needs is critical for fostering, and sustaining, healthy families. We recognise that early intervention supports will reduce inequalities in outcomes and access to services and will enable parents to provide the best possible foundation for their children. Therefore, our Centre offers a continuum of child, parent and outreach services from early intervention to more intensive targeted supports. We are passionate about the work we do, and we aim to build strong and durable connections with families and our community at large to break the intergenerational cycles of educational and social deprivation.

**However, our Centre now faces an enormous challenge. Rapid population growth along with greater numbers of families engaging with our services is having a significant impact on our ability to maintain, and expand, our child and family supports.** A new, larger, facility is urgently needed, and we are seeking your assistance to help us fund our Centre so that we can continue to meet the needs of our community. The Government recognises the important role family centres play in community life, by engaging those who are marginalised or disadvantaged and ensuring a safe and accessible space for all within the community. Government support is also key to building on our commitments. We hope you will take the time to read about the valuable work being undertaken by Deansrath Family Centre, and how your contribution will ensure that we continue to engage, and connect families, with high-quality supports that will be life-changing for the long term.

**“Children living in poverty or children from disadvantaged backgrounds are more likely to face barriers in accessing early childhood education and care, inclusive education, healthcare, healthy nutrition and adequate housing. They start their lives at a disadvantage, which can have long-term implications for their development and future prospects.”**

**(EU Commission: 2021)**

## Board of Management



**Siobhán Feehan** is Director of Deansrath Family Centre. She has managed the Organisation for 22 years and overseen and directed the development of the Service from what was originally a 3 staff community pre school into what is now a recognised Centre of Excellence for the provision of integrated and holistic Family Support provision from Pregnancy to 18 years, serving a large catchment area. Previous to this post Siobhán worked with Family Services in Focus Ireland



**Edel Grogan** has 25 years in IT, specializing in strategy, project management, success metrics, customer experience, research methods, and people management. She's training to be a psychotherapist, pursuing a Master's in Pluralistic Counselling and Psychotherapy (2021-2025) at the Institute of Integrative Counselling and Psychotherapy in Dublin. She holds an MSc in Computer Science from Dublin City University (2002-2005).



**Simone McGovern**, Capital Regulatory Lead at DAA since August 2023, holds an MSc in Airport Planning & Management, a B.Eng in Civil Engineering, and certifications in Project Management and Engineering. She strategically focuses on capital infrastructure for Dublin Airport, coordinating the masterplan and revising CIP 2020+. Her thesis on economic regulation and airport capital expenditure led to her current role, where she manages the CIP and StageGate process for capital development.



**Bernard Gilna**, an award-winning architect with over 26 years of experience, has worked across the UK, USA, Russia, France, Germany, Belgium, and Ireland. An accredited passive house designer, he chairs the RIAI sustainable task force and judges the SEAI energy awards. He has taught at DIT and was an external examiner at UCD School of Architecture. A member of RIAI since 1992 and the Institute of Designers of Ireland since 2015, he has won the RIAI gold medal.



**Eithne Dawson** is retired after a lifetime of service with HSE Community Services, including work with Children In Care and as a Trainer with TUSLA's Lifelong Learning. She is a Reiki Master and an avid gardener.



**Stephen Faloon** is General Manager at the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre. He has a business and economics degree from Trinity College Dublin and a master's in arts management. Prior to his current role, he worked at the Golden Pages for almost a decade and was manager of the Mill Theatre at Dundrum.

# Socioeconomic context

Research has found that childhood poverty can lead to lower educational achievement and employment rates, as well as poorer physical and mental health.

Within Clondalkin, high levels of poverty, housing/homelessness and social isolation have resulted in significant levels of family dysfunction and trauma which severely affects parenting ability and child mental health. Due to prolonged COVID-19 restrictions, children are also presenting with poor developmental and socioemotional skills while levels of school refusal and anxiety are increasing amongst adolescents.

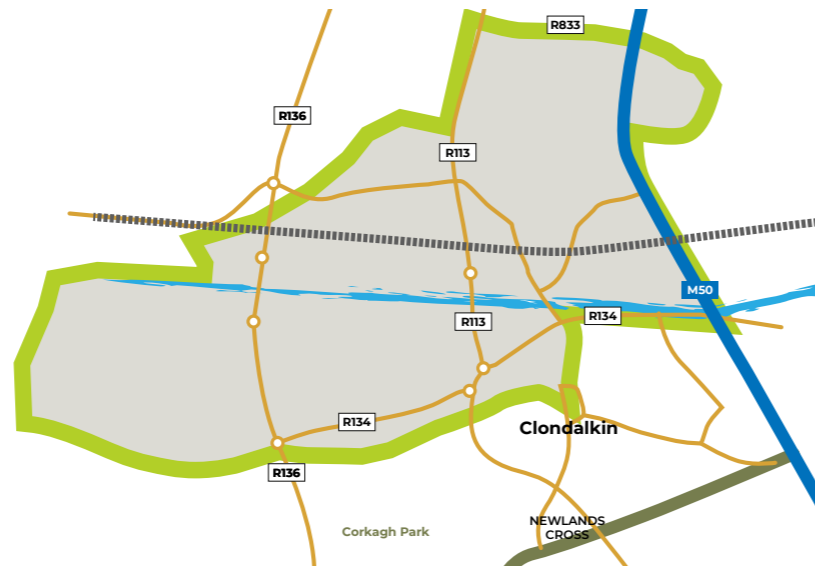
Families in Clondalkin face numerous economic and social issues which influence not just child outcomes but also accessibility to, and engagement with, services. Clondalkin covers four areas including **Cappaghmore, Dunawley, Moorfield and Rowlagh**. These areas are classed as 'persistently disadvantaged' indicating increased levels of deprivation from 2016 to 2022 (Pobal, 2022). A recent profile of the Clondalkin area (SB Solutions, 2024) highlighted the specific challenges across the areas – a summary of which is shown below

**Cappaghmore**  
Including - Balgaddy and parts of Ronanstown

**Moorfield**  
Including - Neilstown, Liscairn, Collinstown, Harelawn, Palmerstown Woods, James Connolly

**Dunawley**  
Including - Bawnogue, Deansrath, Kilcronin, Kilmahuddrick, Alpine, Westbourne

**Rowlagh**  
Including - Ronanstown, Woodavens, Letts, St Marks



Clondalkin Area Profile\* (inc. Cappaghmore, Dunawley, Moorfield and Rowlagh)



**Poor physical health;** Lower levels of self-reported good health and higher proportions of population with disabilities than the State average.

**Low educational attainment;** Significantly higher proportions of the population with 'No Formal or Primary Only' education (ranging from 16% in Dunawley to 29% in Rowlagh) compared to the State average of 11%.

**Higher unemployment;** Higher levels of unemployment across all four areas (48% and 49% in Rowlagh and Cappaghmore respectively) compared to the State average of 56%.

**Lower income;** Median income across all 4 areas is considerably lower than the State average. Two areas (Cappaghmore and Moorfield) had incomes over one-third lower than the South County Dublin median.

**Inability to work due to disability;** Compared to the State average of 4.6%, higher proportions of the population are unable to work due to permanent sickness or disability (ranging from 5% in Dunawley to 8% in Cappaghmore).

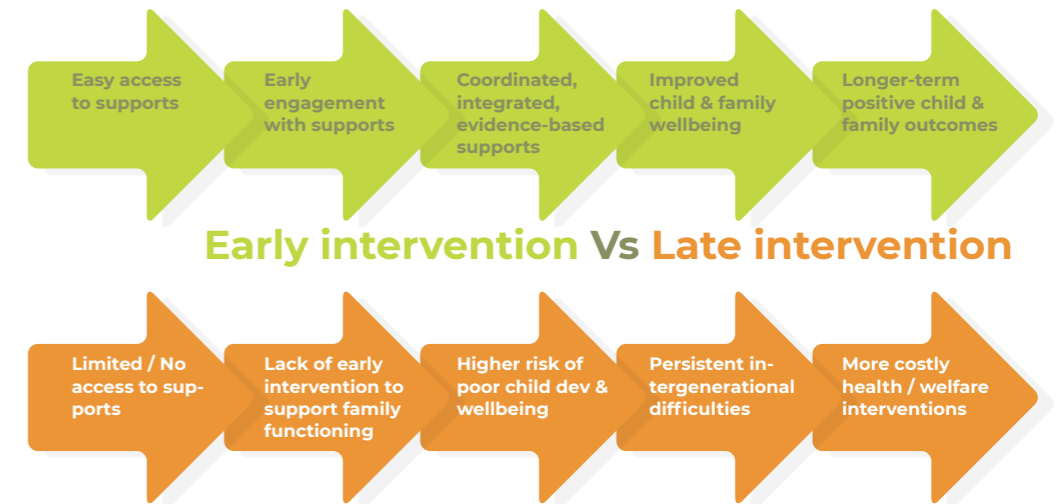
\*Data provided by S3 Solutions (2024)

## Why is it important to address the needs of disadvantaged or underserved populations?

Research has shown that poor housing and/or educational outcomes will impact quality of life and pose a higher risk for multiple health problems. Disadvantaged families will also have:

- Limited/Inconsistent sources of support and care
- Encounter multiple barriers to accessing family services (e.g., economic, cultural, literacy, linguistic)
- Display fear and distrust in accessing statutory (government) services
- Lack access to transportation services

Access to early intervention supports Interventions can support families before problems arise by providing; parent and childcare supports, education and training, in order to strengthen family functioning, build parents' self-esteem and skills, and enhance children's well-being and development.



Early intervention saves on later costs by avoiding the long-term costs associated with poor child welfare and development, family breakdown, poor mental health and social exclusion (Eurochild 2012). At Deansrath Family Centre, we ensure that all families who are at risk of poor outcomes have access to effective early intervention supports to prevent problems occurring, and to improve children's longer-term prospects.



# Overview of Deansrath Family Centre

Deansrath Family Centre (DFC) has been serving children and families of Dublin West for over 20 years.

We are located within an area of high socioeconomic disadvantage characterised by high levels of unemployment, single parent households and low levels of education and poverty. Our Centre has evolved over time and expanded from solely providing childcare to delivering a range of evidence-based approaches rooted in the principles of prevention and early intervention. We identify needs within families early and provide coordinated support before problems become more complex. Families can access a range of services and supports including; ECCE (which also caters for children with special educational needs), parenting programmes and child therapeutic interventions, as well as a range of wraparound supports ensuring that our families receive appropriate supports to improve their outcomes.

Our Logic Model below details our goals and activities and proposed outcomes over the short, medium and long-term. This model will guide our work and allow us to evaluate progress in order to continually improve programmes to produce positive outcomes for families.

Deansrath Family Centre Logic Model



Context: area of high disadvantage, multiple adverse factors that reinforce poor parenting and intergenerational problems. Unsuitable premises, funding limitations and policy priorities.



## 250

Families per day access Deansrath Family Centre



## 95

0 - 18 year olds per day receive direct age appropriate supports.



## 129

Programmes delivered to families During 2023

These included:

- Incredible Years and Parents Plus Programmes
- Baby/Infant Workshops
- Play & Talk
- Tides of Change
- Art Therapy
- Mothers Support Group
- Coderdojo
- Rainbows
- Teen Summer Camps
- Fathers Support Group and Adolescent Programmes

## 400

Families annually which equals 1600 Individual referrals

# Our Objective

Children's early experiences shape how their brains grow and develop.

Parents play in crucial role in shaping their child's development. Existing policy highlights the importance of supporting parents to ensure that children reach their full potential. **Prevention and early intervention approaches** are core to DFC's work within the community.

We address parent and child needs through a range of **evidence-informed and evidence-based programmes** in order to optimise child health and development and strengthen parent capacity. Importantly, supporting families at the earliest possible stage **will reduce intergenerational disadvantage**, and avoid the long-term costs associated with poverty, lack of access to early supports and social exclusion.

Our mission is to be a **'one-stop-shop' for child and family support** and provide a range of universal and targeted approaches, as well as information and advice, to meet family and children's needs. Services are provided on-site, removing the need for families to travel, or link in, with different services. We work hard to develop and sustain partnerships with key agencies and organisations (HSE, Tusla, PHNs, CAMHS) which facilitates referrals and the coordination of supports to more effectively target families' needs. In addition, all of our services address key policy objectives that mitigate the wider determinants of health and deprivation (see Figure below). In this respect, the Centre plays a vital role in promoting social and economic outcomes across Clondalkin, by directly contributing to existing policy targets, and by ensuring our services are underpinned by shared principles and values across key policy frameworks.

**Promoting strong families and communities through:**  
High-quality Early learning and Childcare Equitable supports inc. children w/additional needs Parenting information, supports and advice Continuum of parenting services from universal to targeted

**Addressing mental health through:**  
Primary care and education Infant and parental mental health supports Parenting and family strengthening programmes Community participation/empowerment programmes



**Addressing health inequalities through:**  
Strong community partnerships delivering HSE Social Prescribing, Antenatal and Social Work Clinics, Parenting Programmes, Healthy Food /Quit Smoking, Food & Energy Costs Workshops etc.

**Addressing child poverty through:**  
Early Learning and childcare including, expanding Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Supporting Traveller, Roma & migrant families Providing Home visiting and outreach support Enhancing opportunities for children in sports, arts and culture for children affected by poverty

DFC objectives linked to current government policies

# Deansrath Family Centre is recognised by Early Childhood Ireland as a Centre of Excellence for Early Years services and is also an Incredible Years Centre of Excellence.



Highly skilled staff employed across the Early Years and Family Support Services



250 Families per day access Deansrath Family Centre

Evidence-based programmes and practices including the Incredible Years, Parenting Plus

Integrated, Holistic and Multi-Disciplinary approach to support



20+ Partnerships across the statutory and community/voluntary sector share expertise and support implementation



## The Early Hub 0 - 3 years

### Prenatal Support The Incredible Years (IY) 0 -1 years parenting programme: plus workshop:

- Baby Massage,
- Weaning
- Paediatric
- First Aid
- Post - birth physio
- Play & Talk Parent & Toddler Programme
- Stay & Play Family Mornings
- DFC & Balgaddy IY Toddler Parenting Programme
- 1 - 3 Play & Dev
- Childcare Service
- Home - based family support

## The Middle Huddle 3 - 12 years

### Early Intervention Pre-school Service

- ECCE Pre-school Service
- IY Small Group Dina Programme
- Learn to Play the Alstear Way
- Home-based Family Support
- IY 3 -6 Parenting Programme
- Family Therapy / Play Therapy / Art Therapy
- Parenting Plus (PP) 1 - 6 Parenting Programme
- PP Healthy Families Slaintecare
- IY 6 -12 Parenting Programme
- IY Home Coaching
- Family Access Fridays
- Rainbows
- Easter and Summer Camps

## The Later Pod 12 - 17 years

- PP Working Things Out
- PP Teenagers Workshops
- Non - Violence Resistance (NVR)
- Parenting Clinic
- The Academy
- Community Coderdojo
- PP Adolescent Parenting
- Drug & Alcohol Awareness
- Self - Care
- Youth Mental Health
- Home - based Family Support
- Family Therapy
- Gaisce

Deansrath Family Centre: services and supports



# Our Model of Care

## Accessibility / Inclusivity / Advocacy

DFC is inclusive, welcoming families and children from all backgrounds, abilities and circumstances. Easy access to parenting information and supports in a non-clinical, non-judgmental and safe environment. Advocate for families on issues such as housing, medical, education and legal matters.

## Quality childcare and education

Early Years service reflects the diversity of needs and accommodates children with additional needs under the AIM (Access and Inclusion Model). Promotes early learning through the provision of supports such as Play and Talk and the Incredible Years Small Group Dina.

## Evidence-based practice

Evidence-based and evidence-informed service provision (Incredible Years & Parenting Plus) that aims to build parenting capabilities and promote child wellbeing and development. A multi-disciplinary, child-centred approach is adopted at all times to optimise family outcomes.

## Integrated and coordinated supports

Tiered level of support (universal, targeted and specialist services) depending on level of need. Integrated early education, child development, parenting, and family support services.

## Cross-sectoral partnerships

Strong interagency partnerships (inc. HSE, Tusla, CAMHS, Barnardos, schools and community organisations) to identify families at risk and facilitate the timely provision of supports. Established cross-sector referral networks to coordinate service provision and ensure continuity of care.

## Staff expertise and skills and community engagement

Qualified staff with extensive experience of working with disadvantaged, vulnerable families. Family Outreach Service to build relationships with families who are isolated, marginalised or not connected with services.

## Service flexibility and responsiveness

To effectively address the changing needs of families, DFC adapt and enhance their services to ensure families receive the necessary support at all times. New programmes and/or additional supports in response to community demands e.g. increase numbers for ECCE, parenting supports and adolescent supports.

## Management and Leadership

The DFC Director has extensive knowledge of community needs and maintains key partnerships with Tusla and the HSE. Her role is important to maintaining DFC's vision and in securing ongoing funding to sustain existing programmes and develop new supports to meet the evolving needs of families across Clondalkin.

**Our integrated model combines our Early Years Service and our Family and Early Childhood Centre. Through these services, families can access a continuum of supports from pre-birth to the adolescent years:**



# Family and Early Childhood Centre

**Deansrath Family Centre's early years services provides a unique place for children during the most pivotal time in their developmental journey. We currently have two early years services: 1) ECCE Preschool Service (providing morning and afternoon sessions) and 2) our Play and Development service.**

- Our Early Learning and Care (ELC) Centre provides high quality childcare and early childhood education to **38 children** across our morning and afternoon sessions.
- Our Centre is also one of the few Early Years centres in Dublin is committed to inclusion under the Access and Inclusion (AIM) model ensuring that all children, regardless of ability, can benefit from quality early learning and care. **Almost one-third of children attending have additional needs** such as Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASDs), as well as neurological and genetic conditions. In some instances, these children cannot be accommodated in other childcare facilities. The Access and Inclusion (AIM) model
- An **inclusive and respectful environment** including children from the Travelling Community, those living in homeless accommodation, or who have come to Ireland under International Protection.
- Our **highly qualified staff work** tirelessly to ensure that each child is welcomed and nurtured at their stage of development. The benefits of including children with additional needs fosters a strong sense of empathy and acceptance among all the children:

Research has highlighted the critical importance of the first three years of a child's life. In line with First 5 policy, our Centre offers a **Family and Early Childhood Model of Care** which provides a range of 'wraparound' services including antenatal/postnatal supports, evidence-based parenting and child programmes (Incredible Years and Parents Plus) workshops for infant development (e.g. Baby Massage/Play and Talk), Family Mornings, Speech & Language programmes (Hanen), Non-Violence Resistance (NVR) programme and focused skill supports for teens including Parents Plus Working Things Out, Gaisce, Rainbows and CoderDojo.

**Below are just some of the responses from parents who participated in the IY Parent & Baby Programme:**

"I found it invaluable"

"I have learned things that I would never read in a book"

"I found excellent support from the WhatsApp group"

"The programme improved my self-confidence"

"I am conscious of making quality time with my baby"

"I have learned so much and I cannot thank you enough"

"It was brilliant to be able to connect with others"

"I found huge support"



"The father's group is a safe space for these men to come and talk whether it's about mental health, whether it's about family issues, it's like us men coming together to be able to help each other and support each other. It's so important."

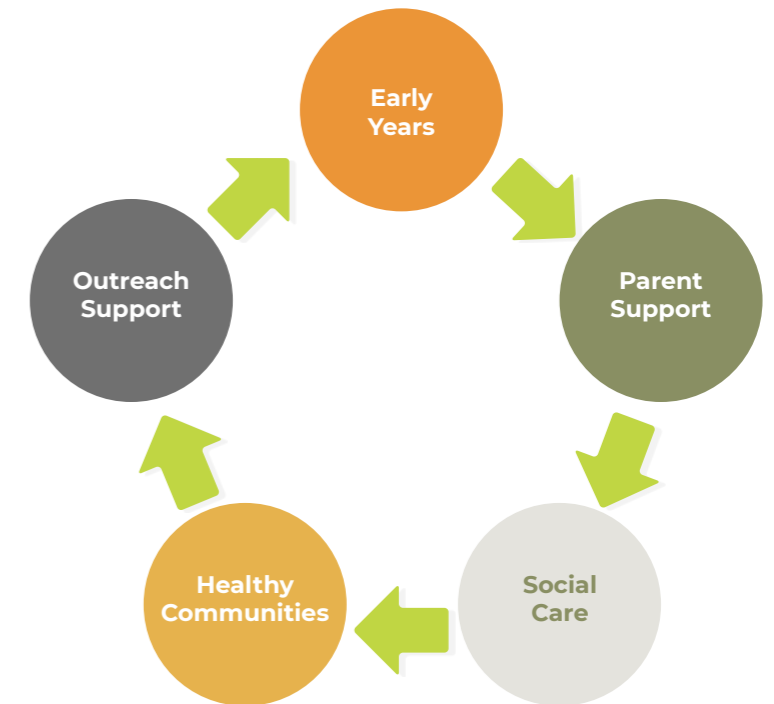
"They have these positive peers who can give them something to aspire and for other children, it just creates this organic sense of kindness without anyone telling them or leading them, you know, it just happens – and it's quite amazing to watch".

"You could come in here and be really struggling. And you could have access to a family support worker, you could have your child in pre-school and you could engage in parenting courses ... you could also come in and chat."

**Many of the parents of the children referred into our early year's services are engaged with our family support services and can benefit from parenting and therapeutic support.**

We actively focus on engaging with groups who are less likely to seek help or attend services. These include those from the Travelling Community, those seeking International Protection as well as fathers, who play a vital role in their child's development and wellbeing. In the last few years, higher numbers of fathers are engaging, and benefitting, from our parenting programmes and workshops and our work will continue to focus on how best to engage everyone within our community and de-stigmatise, and normalise, parenting and wellbeing supports.

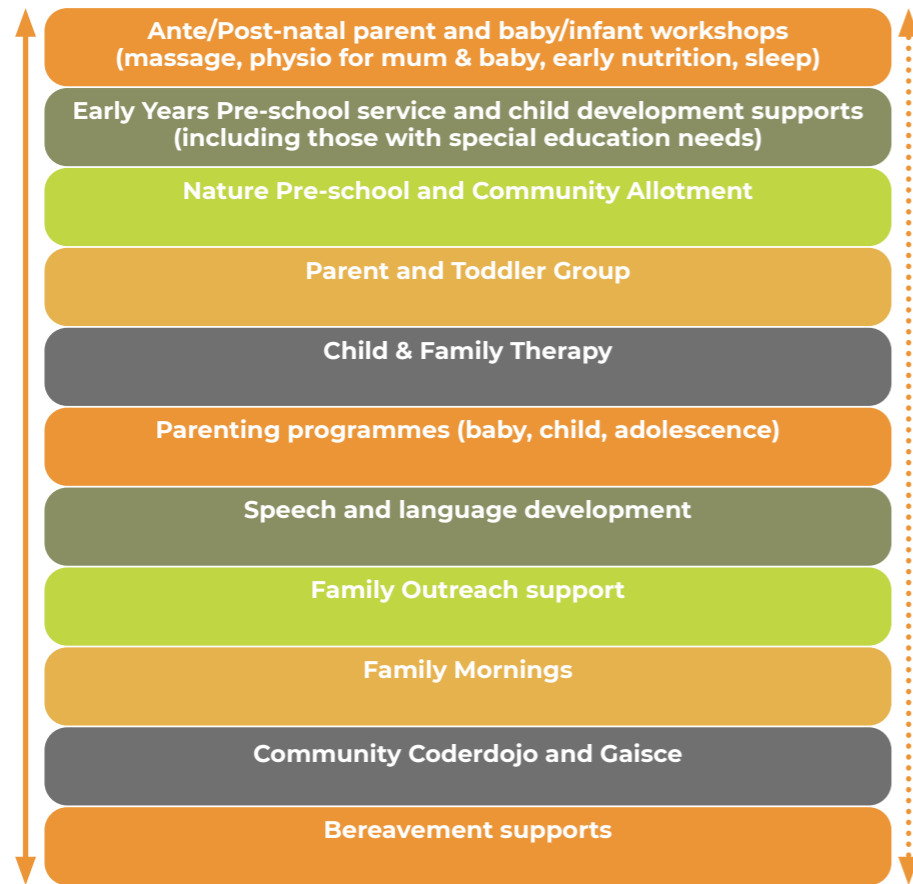
Our work incorporates key policy principles (quality early years care, integrated supports, accessibility and cross-sector partnerships) to support family outcomes. We are also highly responsive to the needs of the community, expanding our activities to address new issues as they emerge. For example post-COVID19, increased levels of stress, isolation and mental health difficulties, has led to more parents accessing our drop-in service and attending our parenting programmes. Children are also presenting with poor developmental and socioemotional skills, compounded by lengthy wait times for child developmental and diagnostic assessments. School refusal and anxiety amongst adolescents have also seen a significant rise in the last 3 years resulting in staff undertaking training in the Parents Plus Adolescent and Working Things Out programmes which have helped to promote parents' and adolescents' wellbeing and resilience.



**Service integration is a key theme of many government strategies including that of the Programme for Child Poverty and Wellbeing.**

Our integrated services ensures that children and families benefit from early intervention and prevention services that can improve their behaviour and learning. Research has shown that children who gain most from an integrated service include those at risk of neglect and abuse and those who attend such centres at an early age. At DFC, our Early Years environment improves child learning and behaviour which continues into the school environment. Children benefit socially and developmentally from our Early Years service, accessing play, speech and language and/or therapeutic supports. Child learning Improved learning in early years also continues into school and building links between our Centre and schools can ease the transition between the two. Our Family Centre provides direct support to parents, across parenting, physical and mental wellbeing and family supports, further strengthening their knowledge and skills. Close multi-agency collaboration facilitates timely referral pathways and strengthens training and promotion of best practice amongst professionals. Importantly, interagency working means families' needs are more likely to be met directly or through referral. Above all, children and their families benefit from a **'multi entrance, multi exit'** approach where parents can engage in a range of informal and formal supports (at no cost) to suit their needs.

Multi-entrance/  
multi-exit approach  
across the child's  
lifespan



Services and supports are informed by existing early years policies inc. First 5, Programme for Child Poverty & Well-Being, Sláintecare Healthy Communities HSE Mental Health Promotion



## Cross-sectoral partnerships are key to all activities undertaken at the Centre.



Partnerships with community and local authority structures are important for shared learning and improved service coordination as well as building capacity at both an organisational and community level. The Centre has developed a number of successful partnerships over the years with a range of statutory and community organisations including Blue Skies (for the delivery of the UpTo2 programme) and the Balgaddy Child and Family Centre (i.e. where families can access the IY Parent and Toddler Groups), as well as Rainbows and the Family Morning.

**Public Health Nurses (PHNs) have also been a long-term key partner in the delivery of the UpTo2 programme and in supporting a number of workshops such as baby massage, Tots and Tums and the sleep workshop.**

Other key partners include the HSE, Cherry Orchard Primary Care, Barnardos, CAMHS, Educational Welfare Officers (EWOs), Ballyfermot Matters, Infant Mental Health Network (Clondalkin/Ballyfermot), Tus Nua, Helping Homeless, Sacred Space Healing Centre and the Clondalkin Women's Refuge. As one of the **19 Sláintecare Healthy Communities**, DFC is also addressing health inequalities through the provision of integrated services across the community.

**Staff at DFC are highly skilled and hold a range of qualifications across Childcare and Education, Counselling Skills, Family Support, Addiction Studies and Neuroscience.**

All staff are also trained in adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and trauma informed practice. Staff are trained to deliver a number of evidence-based programmes (i.e., Incredible Years programmes or Parents Plus programmes) and also facilitate the delivery of other activities in the Centre. Research also finds that there are many barriers which disadvantaged communities face when engaging with healthcare supports – these include racism, discrimination, long waiting lists, stigma and lack of trust. To overcome these, staff at the Centre work closely with families to provide information and advice in a non-clinical, non-judgmental environment so they may acquire the skills, knowledge and confidence to be confident and capable parents.

**"We've social workers sending families in, and we've got addiction services sending families in. We have schools sending families in. So you're talking about the wraparound, and no-one is refused."**

**"No matter who the person is that walks in that door, we will offer support and a hand, and go to the ends of the earth."**

**"It's important that people feel comfortable to come and talk and share their experiences of their own family and their own parenting. They're not being judged, it's very non-judgemental. All the people are there for the same reasons, they want to better themselves and also to help their families."**

# The proposed new Deansrath Family Centre

**Deansrath Family Centre has grown substantially over the last 20 years and has consistently adapted in response to the increasing socioeconomic challenges.**

An ever-increasing number of parents benefit from our Centre because we offer excellent care and education plus counselling and support to children and parents. A key challenge for the DFC is insufficient physical space to accommodate the increasing number of families within the Centre and in a single location. We urgently need adequate premises in order to extend our service provision. At present, service provision is fragmented and delivered across a number of sites. Despite the growing demand for additional services, and limited capacity to deliver additional programmes, the numbers of families waiting for services have continued to increase, placing additional pressure on the staff to maintain a consistent level of support and increase on-site service provision.

South Dublin County Council have provided the land for the new Centre in site in St. Cuthbert's Park, Clondalkin. Our new Centre has been designed to accommodate the needs of the local community into the future. At 500 sq m, the Centre will be 3 times the size of the existing premises and will provide much needed additional space to facilitate the delivery of supports in one location - removing the need for families and staff to travel to other venues. The proposed Centre will include sufficient space to meet the community's needs for early years care, family supports, staff rooms, as well as a flexible, multi-purpose recreation and family-focused space.

**The Centre will be an important one-stop shop for a range of supports:**

- A large Early Years facility;
- Dedicated rooms for parent/child programmes (parent and baby/child and parent and teenager);
- Therapy rooms and family/staff consultation rooms;
- Family spaces including parent and child cooking facilities and communal areas where families with young children can meet and connect with others;
- CoderDojo academy space;
- Staff training room;
- Parent outdoor space; and
- Outdoor playground.

**The new Deansrath Community and Early Learning Centre will be designed to meet the RIAI 2030 Climate Challenge to reduce carbon and water use, improve site biodiversity and achieve core health and wellbeing targets.**

The design of the building is based around the passive house principles, i.e., reducing the energy load and carbon footprint of the building so that the demand on the earth's resources is limited. This is done by placing windows towards the East, West and South to maximise solar gain. The insulation of the building will exceed National Building regulations in keeping the building warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

A continuous supply of fresh filtered air will be circulated by a mechanical heat recovery ventilation system, lowering the need for energy to heat the air. During warmer months the central atrium has the capacity to open up and let fresh air in to the building, by passing the ventilation system. Hot water will be provided by air sourced heat pumps boosted by solar panels on the roof which will generate electricity to heat the hot water cylinders and sell back excess electricity to the grid when necessary. Waste water will be filtered and reused for grey water reuse. There will be a storage facility for rainwater run-off.



## Final Note

The Centre works tirelessly to ensure that each child is welcomed and nurtured at their stage of development. We firmly believe that every child is a competent and capable learner, deserving of respect and entitled to a high quality early educational experience regardless of any differences. Deansrath Family Centre have made consistent strides to meet the priorities laid out in existing policies (such as First 5, Slaintecare Healthy Communities, Child Poverty and Well-Being and HSE Mental Health Promotion). We pay close attention to local needs and continue to be responsive to these needs as they evolve due to wider economic or social issues. Our long-term goal is to achieve changes in behaviour that leads to sustained benefits for our families, reduces the impact of the intergenerational cycle of adverse child outcomes and poor parenting, and embed evidence-based programmes and practice.

Due to inadequate space, we are unable to help every child, and we currently have 64 children on our preschool ECCE waiting list and a further 76 children on the waiting list for our Play and Development Service. Furthermore, local public health nurses and disability network teams, as well as social workers, all refer into to our Centre so our work is critical for providing timely support to over 400 families annually.

We would welcome any input or discussion towards the development and funding of our new Centre.

Should you require further information, please contact:

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**The Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) has estimated that the cost of late intervention is almost £17 billion a year in the UK. Early recognition and early intervention is key in optimising outcomes and in reducing the need, and costs, associated with later more intensive treatments or supports. In order to effectively respond to the increase in demand, the new Deansrath Family Centre is crucial to providing timely and coordinated service responses to effect meaningful health, social and educational change into the future.**

SDCC are currently building 1339 New Build Social Housing Units within immediate 5 minute walking distance of the Service & in addition 150 existing houses are coming back into SDCC Housing stock. A MUHDS (Clonburris) also within walking distance, will, over the next number of years, see 60,000 new homes of which approximately 30% will be social/affordable housing with vast tracts of the entire scheme being bought by SDCC and AHBs.

We are extremely grateful to the HSE and Tusla for funding, and supporting, the work at Deansrath Family Centre over the last two decades. To meet the increasing demand for services through the build of a purpose built centre in the heart of the Community in St. Cuthberts Park we urgently require 4 million capital funding. This building will sustain our service provision into the future.

We remain committed to promoting child health and positive parenting and to ensuring that Clondalkin is served by sustainable programmes that have the means to change parenting behaviour and child outcomes for the better. We believe that continued collaboration and partnership working will be successful to the future delivery of DFC's strategy and will help us achieve our vision of a sustainable and empowered community.







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