

NATIONAL CENTRE - HOME VISITING AND PARENT SUPPORT (N = 3,245 FAMILIES)

Positive playful home learning environment

Home Visiting Alliance

Scaling home visiting across Ireland through our partnerships with Government, Tusla, HSE and Home Visiting Alliance as part of the First Five Strategy remains a priority. We are delighted that the Government's Children's Fund is being used for a new National Home Visiting Programme Office in Tusla.

Home from Home National

"What I love [is my child was] led to build relationships. Not everyone knows what everyone's child needs ... [the home visitors] get to know the child, what works, and focuses on strengths as every child is at different journey. The books was big thing for [my child], he's reading books, and singing too ..." - Parent

ParentChild+ National

My Place to Play National

"As a child and youth worker ... most of our clients are hard to reach with little to no resources, most of the babies and toddlers I work with experience developmental delays, and there has been few cases of baby flat head, as there is no room to play, explore or develop, these packs have really help as mum's can now use these mobile bag packs to go to the park. Collaborating with My Place to Play has helped most of the families we are linking in with living in emergency accommodation" - Practitioner

CAPACITY BUILDING AND UPSKILLING (N = 403 PROFESSIONALS)

High quality restorative learning environments



466
individual attended
NEIC Restorative
Practice Events

National Centre

ParentChild+ and Home From Home (18-36 months)
Home from Home National
Sláintecare Community Families (over 7 sites nationally)
My Place to Play
Home Visiting Alliance
Research & CRM Projects

Total

Families Professionals

437
113
1000
2,695
0
105
4,350

78
27
30
165
293
10
603

209

Volunteers

"Very welcoming team from ELI. Well-structured intro/training. Props and questions list. Very motivated and engaging students"

Conference

20 Conferences
9 Publications

Who We Are

ELI enables children, their families and the community, to acquire the skills and self-confidence needed to fully benefit from the education system. We are continually pioneering programmes that aim to address the issue of low educational achievement.

Partner us to expand the minds, hopes and ambitions of this generation, and help them to develop the skills they need for success in education, employment and life.

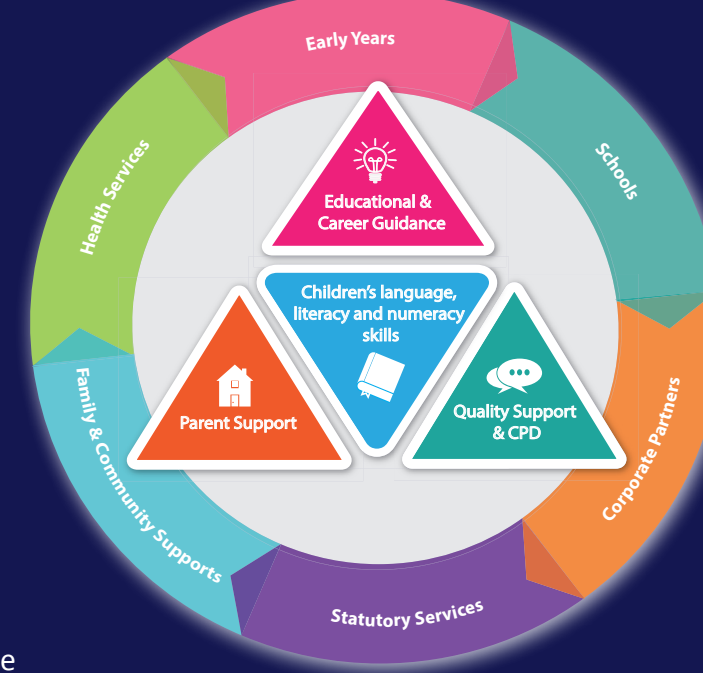
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We wish to thank all our socially-minded corporate, government and individual supporters as well as trusts and foundations (anonymous or otherwise) who play such an active role in the advancement of ELI. You are all making a difference to the children who will one day become Dublin's workers, leaders, and innovators.

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Early Learning Initiative



Newsletter Community Update 2023-24

The Early Learning Initiative focuses on supporting children and families to thrive in education, career and life.

2023-24 was a challenging year with families presenting with more complex needs due to high numbers living in homelessness, and other emergency accommodation, and the impact of persistent issues of poverty, long disability service waiting lists, addiction, and crime.

However, working together we reached more families locally and nationally through our Dublin's Inner-City programmes and National Centre. During 2023-24, 19,860 people across Ireland engaged in ELI's programmes. Satisfaction rates and learning indicators remain high, with children's language, literacies and cognitive skills continuing to improve.

ELI saw a rise in demand for tailored services such as Home from Home visiting for families living in emergency accommodation, where participation increased by 41%, Parenting365 for children with additional needs and disabilities, Talking Heads afterschool clubs focused on EAL support, and Stretch Graduate programme for families with children aged 4+ in need of ongoing support. With the support of our valued partners and funders we were able to meet this demand and work continues to secure sustainable funding for these essential programmes.

A huge thank you from ELI to our partners who continue to support the educational and career aspirations of communities in Dublin's Inner-City and across Ireland.

Our full End-of-Year Report 2023-24 is available on our website: www.ncirl.ie/eli. To keep up to date throughout the year, please connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter.



*Together we are
supporting children
and families to thrive*

ELI would like to acknowledge and thank all our wonderful partners. We look forward to working with you in the best interests of children and families in 2024-25.

- 9,387 parents and family members for your inspiring commitment to your children
- 1587 professionals from community, statutory, voluntary and corporate organisations for your ongoing commitment and support
- 33 corporate organisations for your sustained investment in ELI programmes and services
- Irish Government for your generous support and ongoing commitment through the Dublin Docklands and East Inner City Area Based Childhood (ABC) Programme, Tusla, HSE, Children and Young People's Services Committees, Rethink Ireland, The Community Foundation for Ireland, and the North East Inner City (NEIC) Initiative.

19,800
Participants Engaged

Indicators of Satisfaction
(96%, n = 2,535)

Indicators of Learning
(90%, n = 2,135)

9,387
Parents Engaged

209
Volunteers Engaged

33 Corporate Partners
Supporting ELI

16,533
Home Visits Completed

323
Interagency Meetings Attended

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DUBLIN'S INNER-CITY - HOME VISITING AND PARENT SUPPORT
(N = 1,485 FAMILIES)

Positive playful home learning environment

Home Visiting Programmes	Children	Parents
ABC 0-2 Home Visiting Programme (0-2 years)	168	170
ABC ParentChild+ (16-36 months)	169	174
Home From Home	38	38
Stretch Graduate Home Visiting	32	32
Stretch Graduate Support Calls	56	56
STEM Play & Learn	30	30
Total - Home Visiting	493	500

ABC Parent Support Programmes	Children	Parents
ABC Parenting Group Support Sessions (0-5 years)	680	680
ABC 0-5 Summer Programme	110	110
Restorative Parenting (0-11 years)	0	19
Parenting365	94	91
NEIC Parenting Programme	0	42
Triple P	0	43
Total - Parent Support	884	985



"[Home Visitor] has been absolutely amazing and professional home visitor. Always very positive with loads of useful advice. I like her non judgemental attitude, always providing reassurance and support." - Parent

Community Families (ABC 0-2)



Parenting365

"The programme is excellent and not a bad word to say. It was amazing for my child and myself to understand each other better." - Parent

"I joined with my partner [name] and it was wonderful to be welcomed as a dad. A lot of classes and sessions naturally exclude the father in these situations or do not actively encourage such participation. I was welcomed, felt comfortable and thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learning. I think these sessions are hugely valuable for babies, parent and bonding between the two." - Parent

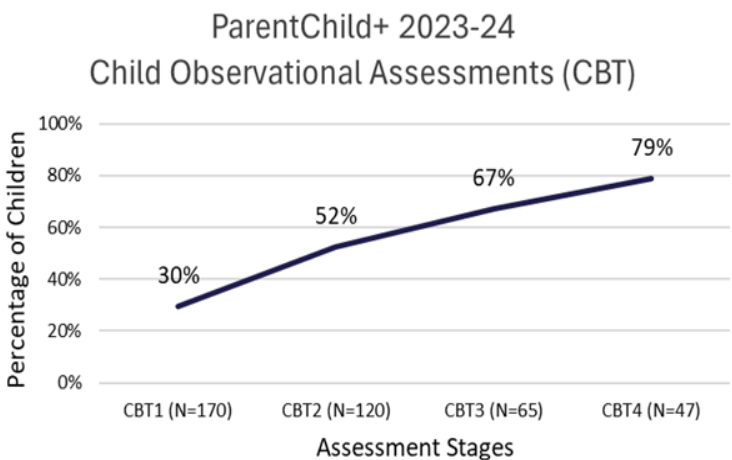
NEIC Parenting Champion

"The programme helped me prepare for difficult situations with my son before they happened. Now I always check to see if his needs are met before leaving the house, for example."
- Parent on the Triple P Programme

Home from Home Dublin's Inner City

"It was really helpful to have a friendly, non-judgmental listening ear."

ParentChild+ Dublin's Inner City



0 - 5 Community Parent Support



Stretch Graduate Programme

"It's not just about the child, [Home Visitor] would ask how I was doing too. It was nice being asked to attend events and everything like that."
- Parent on the Stretch Graduate Programme

MULTIPLE LITERACIES (N = 3,679 CHILDREN)

Language, literacy, numeracy, social and coding skills

Literacies & STEM Programmes	Children	Parents
Early Numeracy Project (0-8 years)	1,187	1,780
Zoom Ahead with Books (4-6 yrs)	1,078	1,617
Virtual Book Club	45	67
Doodle Den	90	135
NCI Challenges	754	49
Family STEM Learning Events (6-9 yrs)	129	106
Robotic Coding Club (afterschools)	167	19
Tuition Support (15-18 years)	43	0
Language Cafés	74	0
Talking Heads	112	0
Totals	3,679	3,773



Early Numeracy

"This activity made me more aware of the benefits in encouraging children learning through play. The tools provided were beneficial in delivering it to the children. They gain a better understanding through props as well" - Staff

Zoom Ahead with Books

"Yes, it was very good as it helped to develop my son's creativity and imagination, and we had great moments at home with the books to draw and talk about the stories"
- Parent



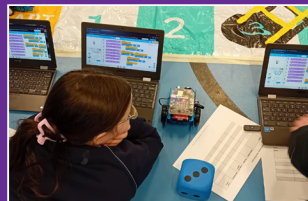
Language and Tuition Support

"Teachers have commented on how one child in particular has just completely changed and is so chatty now with adults and confident speaking English"
- Talking Heads Primary, Teacher



STEM Family Learning Event

"It will give him a better understanding of the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths for his future education and also as a parent it provides me of a better understanding of the skills that are needed."
- Parent, STEM Play and Learn



Robotic Coding Clubs

"Improves their STEM skills. Gives them computer and typing skills and teaches them maths skills they will need in secondary school such as basic algebra and functions. Also helps with problem solving skills" - Tutor

NCI Challenges

"I think becoming part of the schools team worked really well, and allowed us relate to the kids, engage them and have fun with them" - Volunteer

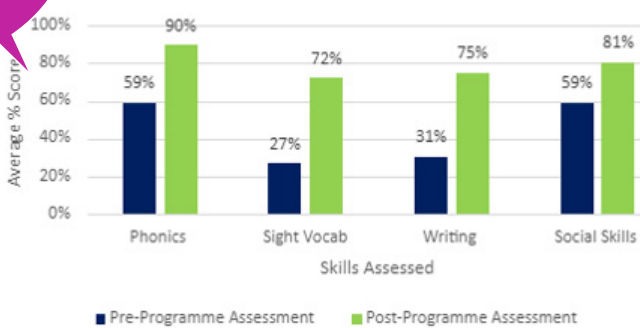


Doodle Den



"I believe Doodle Den helped my child have an interest in reading at home, my child now asks for books and magazines instead of screens" - Parent

Doodle Den Assessments Comparison 2023 - 2024



EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE (N = 455 YOUNG PEOPLE)

Educational, career and life aspirations

Educational and Career Guidance	Children	Parents
Educational Guidance (5th/6th class)	185	0
Educational Guidance Exhibition (Secondary)	75	5
A Day in the Life Events	47	0
Discover University (14-17 years)	54	12
NEIC Brighter Futures Restorative Practices	94	0
Totals	455	17

Educational Guidance

"Through the research necessary to complete the project students have become more aware on the dynamics and process necessary to pursue a career" - Teacher



A Day in the Life



Discover University

"My background is working with communities experiencing disadvantage and I really think it's important that young people from those communities are given opportunities to thrive in education, I also felt that I got experience of working with young people in an age group that I don't always work with, I really enjoyed the experience"
- Project Leader feedback



NEIC Brighter Futures Restorative Practices

"The interactive nature of the session, without pressurizing the young people to volunteer, meant that they volunteered organically in their own time." - Volunteer, Opening the Door programme

