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Parenting 365 Programme

NCI Research Day

20th June 2022



**The Community
Foundation for Ireland**



Early Learning Initiative

National College of Ireland

Background

- Pilot Programme for families with young children with disabilities and additional needs
- Children aged 1-6-years-old
- Started September 2021-Present
- Three terms (6 weeks)
- Play Group Sessions
- Parent Support Sessions



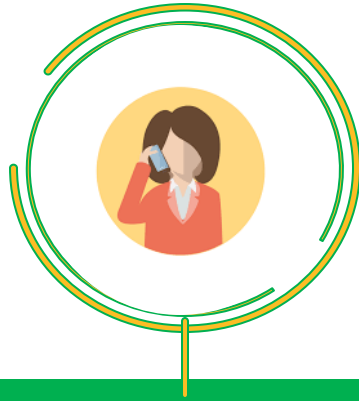
Aims & Objectives

- Aim 1: To understand the impact of the Parenting365 Programme on children with disabilities and their parents
- Aim 2: To conduct an exploration of the experiences of children with disabilities and their parents living in an area of socio-economic disadvantage in Dublin's Inner City.
- Aim 3: To directly engage the parents in informing the future development of the Parenting365 Programme

Community Action Research



Programme



Parent Support Sessions

- Weekly Online Sessions
- Guest Speakers
- Empower parents as their child's first and best teacher



Play Group Sessions

- Evidence based, 'learning through play experience
- Themed Sessions
- Focus on Social and Emotional Development



Research

- Pre and post Programme Evaluation
- Needs Assessment
- Follow-up Focus Group

Research Process



PRE-PROGRAMME
QUESTIONNAIRE



NEEDS ASSESSMENT



POST-PROGRAMME
EVALUATION



FOCUS GROUP

Findings

- 60 families engaged to date
- Data collection ongoing



“The programme allowed us to see our child thrive in a social environment, to see that through familiarity they can get comfortable going somewhere with kids their own age and begin to really enjoy it”

“Advice and support from the girls there and also the group zoom meeting... I'm starting to talk about my child's need a lot more now instead of shutting away ashamed to reach out”

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Thank You

Further Questions:



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