



**PRESS RELEASE:
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE NATIONAL FORUM**

The Family Resource Centre National Forum welcomes Budget 2019 and additional Funding to support children through Tusla. We particularly welcome the further investment and development of family resource centres as announced by Minister Zappone. We look forward to additional core operational funding for us to continue our important work with families and communities, and to meet current core costs and overheads and allow recruitment of staff to implement important work with vulnerable families and individuals. We continue to support investment in our programme to ensure our future sustainability.

We are pleased to see investment in Early Intervention and Prevention Programmes such as ABC Startrite and look forward to the opportunity to apply for funding under the 1 million allocation to QCBI - innovation fund to support children and young people. We also welcome the Tusla capital budget allocation and the chance to support urgent structural and equipment costs for many of our Family Resource Centre members.

Background Info.

The FRC programme is Ireland's largest family and community support programme delivering universal services in disadvantaged areas across the country based on a life-cycle approach. There are over 110 communities supported through the Family and Community Services Resource Centre Programme providing services and supports to local communities. The aim of the programme is to combat disadvantage and improve the functioning of the family unit. FRCs involve people from marginalised groups and areas of disadvantage on their voluntary management committees. This approach ensures that each FRC is rooted in the community and this, in turn, makes it a vehicle for delivering other programmes in the community. FRCs are participative and empowering organisations that support families while building the capacity and leadership of local communities.

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Notes to Editors:

The aim of the Family Resource Centre National Forum is to represent the views of all Family Resource Centres nationally and provide practical support to Family Resource Centres involved in family support and social inclusion initiatives