



**Athlone Community Mothers Mother and Baby Group,**  
Jenny Fletcher, Athlone Community Services Council Ltd.,  
Tel: 09064 72174  
Venue: Clonbrusk Community Childcare Service  
Wed 10am to 12.30pm.



**Paradise Parent and Toddler Group,**  
Jenny Fletcher, Athlone Community Services Council Ltd.,  
Tel: 09064 72174  
Venue: St Kierans Community Centre, Tormey Villas,  
Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 1pm.

**Family Resource Centre Mother and Toddler Group,**  
Lynda McCormack,  
Battery Heights, Athlone.  
Tel: 09064 94336  
13 Battery Heights, Athlone  
Tuesday 10.30am -12.30pm.



**Mullingar Community Mothers Mother and Baby Group,**  
Catriona Corcoran,  
Westmeath Community Development.  
044 93 48571  
Tuesdays 11.30 – 1pm

**Boher Parent and Toddler Group**  
Ruth Rooke,  
Tel: 087 1210247



**Collinstown Parent and Toddler Group,**  
Lesley Gleeson.  
Tel: 044 96 72987  
Pitch and Putt Club,  
Monday 10 am – 12 noon

**Coole Parent and Toddler Group,**  
Fiona Butler  
Tel: 044 96 61894



Thursday 10 am – 12 noon,  
Coole Community Hall, Coole.

**Cuidiu ICT – Athlone Parent and Toddler,**  
Catriona Manser,  
Jump for Joy, Play Centre, Monksland, Athlone  
Tel: 087 6960853  
Wed 11.30 am to 1.30pm

**Mullingar Cuidiu Parent and Toddler Group,**  
Carol Liston,  
Tel: 086 3470099  
Monday 10 am – 12 noon  
Parish Community Centre, Mullingar.

**Cuidiu Breastfeeding Group,**  
Ruth Rooke,  
087 1210247  
Monthly – second Wed 10 – 12 noon  
Parish Community Centre – Mullingar.



**Delvin Parent and Toddler Group,**  
Susan Brennan,  
Tel: 087 9125405  
Monday 9.30 am – 11.30pm  
Fatima Room (beside Parochial House).



**Wibble Wobble Parent and Toddler Group, Kilbeggan,**  
Grace Mullins,  
Tel: 087 7860902  
Wed 10 am – 12 noon  
Pitch and Putt Club.



**Little Apples, Riverside Parent and Toddler Group,**  
Friday 10 am to 12 noon  
Ann Rogers,  
044 9345080  
Riverside Community Centre.



**Kinnegad Mother, Baby and Toddler Group,**  
Jennifer O'Shaughnessy,  
Old School Building, Kinnegad.  
Tel: 044 93 79449/087 6037278  
Wed 10 am – 12 noon

**La Leche League Breastfeeding Support Group,**  
Georgina Hickey,  
Tel: 044 93 41227  
3rd Monday night of each month – 8pm  
Anne Brook House Hotel, Mullingar.



**Mother Goose/Killucan Parent and Toddler Group,**  
Ita Copley,  
Tel: 087 2845510  
Tuesday 9.30 am – 11.30am.  
Rathwire Hall, Killucan, Co Westmeath.

**Oodles and Doodles Parent and Toddler Group,**  
Rev. Stephen Lockington.  
Tel: 044 93 43548  
Thur 10.30 – 12 noon  
Mullingar Presbyterian Church (Castle St.).



**Stepping Stones Parent and Toddler Group,**  
Linda Keenan,  
087 2244584.  
Tues 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

**Tubberclair/Glasson Parent and Toddler Group,**  
Martina Lynch,  
Tel: 087 2959826



**Michael's Park Parent and Toddler Group,**  
Elaine Delaney,  
Tel: 086-8861905.  
c/o Westmeath Community Development  
Thurs 11 am – 12 noon

**Willow Park Parent and Toddler Group,**  
Willow Park Community House,  
Nicola Fitzsimons Tel: 0871440830  
Wed 11am – 12 noon



**Temple Tots,  
Mount Temple Parent and  
Toddler Group,**  
Moate.  
Wed 10 am 12 noon.  
Genevieve Ripley – 087 4144182  
Yvonne Tuohy – 086 8229220.



# WC Childcare

Westmeath County Childcare Committee Ltd.



## Parent & Toddler Groups in County Westmeath



## WHAT IS A PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP?

Parent and Toddler Groups vary in style and philosophy. Some have children as their primary focus placing an emphasis on providing adult activities. Many groups aim to strike the balance between Adult and Children's needs and provide a safe, friendly and supportive environment for babies, young children and their parents and carers

## WHAT IS WCCC ROLE IN A PARENT & TODDLER GROUP?

- WCCC can provide advice and support by visiting the group.
- WCCC can help with sourcing funding, information and training.



## WHAT IS THE PARENTS ROLE?

The Parents and carers are the group without them the group cannot exist. In a Parent and Toddler Group each parent or carer is responsible for their own children at all times.

## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT FROM A PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP?

As there is such a variety of groups under the Parent and Toddler umbrella no two groups run the same, A Parent and Toddler group is a local support group where parents and carers can meet to chat and develop friendships in a safe and friendly environment while their children play and socialise together.

## WESTMEATH COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE LTD

The Westmeath County Childcare Committee Ltd is committed to creating an environment that values all children, by facilitating the development of an infrastructure of high quality childcare services that support the holistic development of children in the context of the family and community throughout Westmeath.



## WESTMEATH COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE

WCCC was established in 2001. The membership of WCCC is made up of nominated representatives from Statutory Bodies, Social partners Community and Voluntary sector, Childcare Providers, Parents, partnerships and Community Groups all who have a vested interest in childcare in County Westmeath

## MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of WCCC is to assist in the co-ordination of childcare both nationally and locally and assist in prioritising funding.

## WESTMEATH COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE AIMS ARE

- To Develop a co-ordinated strategy for childcare provision in Co Westmeath
- To increase the supply of Childcare Services
- To monitor the implementation of the strategy
- To support and Develop networks of Childcare providers
- To support and Develop networks of Parents



## RESOURCE CENTRE FOR PARENTS

- Information about childcare services in the locality
- Access our Childcare Library
- Advice on selecting childcare for your child
- Training Courses for the coming year
- Setting up Parent and Toddler Groups
- Network of Parents and Toddler Groups
- Information nights on childcare related topics

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## PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP GRANTS CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF GRANT APPLICATIONS 2009

The Parent and Toddler Group Initiative was a strategic partnership between the Office of the Minister for Children (OMC) and the Katharine Howard Foundation (KHF) under the National Childcare Investment Programme (NCIP) 2006-2010. The primary purpose of the initiative was to provide grants to Parent and Toddler Groups. It developed a support and information strategy, in collaboration with the County Childcare Committees, to assist the promotion and expansion of Parent and Toddler Groups. These grants recognize that Parent and Toddler Groups are providing informal support to parents, grandparents and childminders, as well as to young children and are an important source of social contact especially new parents and families new to an area.

## Application Process

Each of the 33 CCCs will take on responsibility for the implementation of the Parent and Toddler Group grants in their area. The grants will be based on the agreed selection criteria. Information from the received application forms will be prepared and summarized for review by the relevant CCC.



**KHF** is an independent Irish grant-making Foundation with a particular emphasis on supporting community projects and initiatives in areas that are socially disadvantaged. Within this provision, the Foundation's focus is on projects that provide direct support to children and their families in disadvantaged communities.

**OMCYA** is the government office which brings together staff from three different government departments (Education & Science, Health & Children, and Justice, Equality & Law Reform), working on early childhood care and education, youth justice, child welfare and protection, children and young people's participation and research on children and young people. The remit of the OMCYA includes the implementation of the National Childcare Investment Programme (2006 - 2010) within which funding is available for Parent & Toddler Groups.

Parent and Toddler groups were awarded a total of €5480 in County Westmeath during 2009.

For further information contact Martina Boyce at **Westmeath County Childcare Committee Ltd.**, at 044 93 35454