

**CHILDMINDING
ADVISORY
WORKER**

WHAT DOES THE PROFESSIONAL CHILDMINDER OFFER TO:

THE PARENTS:

- A safe, secure friendly day-care in a family setting
- Peace of mind
- Flexible hours
- Play opportunities to support development and learning
- Continuity of care
- One to One relationship with the child

TO THE CHILD:

- Play
- Friendship
- Games
- Protection
- Security
- Fairness
- Love
- Routine

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BENEFITS TO THE PROFESSIONAL CHILDMINDER



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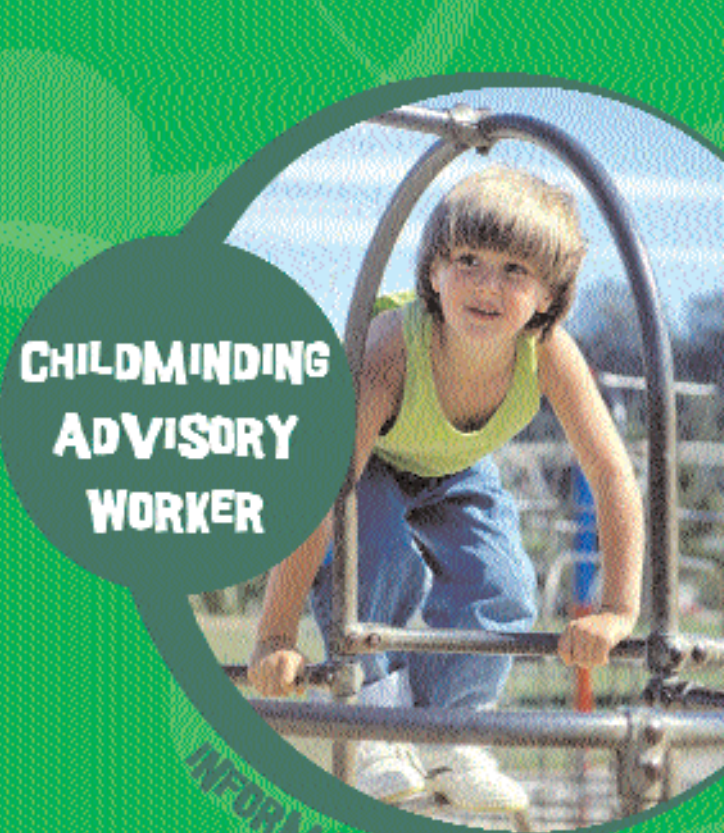
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INFORMATION LEAFLET



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WHAT IS A CHILDMINDER

- A Childminder cares for a relatively small, mixed age group of children including her/his own. It can be an all year round service, offering it in their own home, the children's home or a combination of both. The hours of childminding may vary, from fulltime, part-time or flexible. A childminder provides a safe, caring, stimulating environment for children of all ages.

THE ROLE OF THE CHILDMINDING ADVISORY WORKER IS:

- To provide a support system for childminders who currently care for children in their own home or in the child's home.
- To provide a broad range of relevant information.
- To provide opportunities to avail of training and recreational courses.
- To facilitate the establishment of local networks of childminders.
- To set up public information meetings.
- To provide additional support i.e. home visits.

TRAINING

A number of courses and informative talks will be offered. Subjects may include:

- Childminding in the home.
- First aid
- Play and Child development.
- Health and safety
- Self-Care management
- Child Protection
- Business side of Childminding

These courses will be tailored to the individual needs of participants.

NETWORKING

A support network for childminders:

- Provides an opportunity for childminders voices to be heard.
- Enables childminders to form a group in their local area.
- Can identify training needs within the group.
- Provide back-up support in times of sickness, holidays, family commitments.
- Can link into other services in the area.
- Meet up with each other in a social setting
- Opportunity to develop your career professionally.



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SUPPORT

- Childminders will receive professional ongoing support from the childminding advisory worker
- The needs of each individual childminder will be addressed.
- Advisory visits to the childminders home will be provided if requested.
- Providing and sign-posting of relevant information for childminders delivering a professional service.
- Support and information regarding access to funding.



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