Title: Children and Young Peoples Services Committees: Interagency working to improve the lives of children, young people and families.

Aim: To raise awareness of how Children and Young People’s Services Committees (CYPSC) are contributing through partnership to the field of Family Support.

Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) are key interagency structures identified by Government to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people aged 0-24 in every county in Ireland. All major organisations and agencies working locally on behalf of children, young people and families are represented on the CYPSC and work together within a progressive universalism approach to secure better outcomes for children and young people in their area.

This presentation will provide a broad overview of national and local, evidence informed CYPSC structures and processes; detailing how national policy commitments for family support and individual agency service delivery of family support are supported through the CYPSC infrastructure. It will outline the link between interagency working and the impact on outcomes for children, young people and families. It will then elaborate on some of the innovations, programmes and practices emanating from CYPSC work in the field of family support, in particular multi-agency parenting support and information provision. It will outline how application of needs analysis informs CYPSC responses to family support needs in the county and will explore the challenges to and opportunities for planning and delivering preventative family support using an inter-agency approach.