Conference Theme to which the presentation is aligned:


Name of group or organisation: Dublin South West Inner City Consortium - A consortium of Community, Voluntary and Statutory Services


Aim of presentation:

To disseminate the learning of the ‘Parent and Child Hub’ a successful independently reviewed (2014) universal preventative family support service delivery model for children 0-6 years and their parents operating in Dublin South West Inner City. The Parent and Child Hub (Fig.1 below) is a completed action of the Dublin City South Children’s Services Committee, developed through the National Early Years Access Initiative (NEYAI). The ‘Parent and Child Hub’ has supported and improved preventative service delivery to children through providing them and their parents with multiple access points to universal support. These include those services that might in the first instance help prevent problems from arising and those that may help identify problems and supports needed at an earlier stage. The approach is based on progressive universalism, which involves combining universal services with targeted interventions for parents and children with additional needs. At the core of the model is the recognition that better outcomes for children can be achieved through supporting parents.

The ‘Parent and Child Hub’ model is designed to be sustainable and deliverable in the longer term through a continued commitment to integrated working and harnessing the collective existing resources of the partner services. This integrated working approach underpinning the model involves services working together as one unit with the goal of enhancing the functioning of front-line service delivery to lead to better outcomes for children.

Contribution to knowledge or new learning that will occur from the presentation:

Sharing of knowledge to support other consortiums across the country to successfully replicate this integrated working approach to preventative universal service delivery as part
of a effective and efficient, seamless continuum of family support services to children 0-6yrs and their families.

Fig. 1

![Diagram of family support services]

Source: Dublin South West Inner City Consortium

**Supporting Documents for Participants:**

Participants in the workshop will be introduced to and receive the six companion manuals that have been designed and published to support the development of this model across Ireland. In addition, the conference organisers will receive these manuals in PDF form and online access to the central applications system designed as part of the programme so that it can be made available to all conference participants.