



***Your Plan - Your Future***

# Childminder Development Grants



***Are YOU eligible  
to apply?***



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## WHERE IS THIS COMING FROM?

Development grants for Childminders from the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform within the Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme 2000-2006, are available from the Kildare County Childcare Committee.

## WHAT'S IT FOR?

The grant is designed to assist childminders/prospective childminders enhance the safety/quality of their childminding service.

## HOW MUCH IS INVOLVED?

The maximum grant available is 90% of the total eligible expenditure, subject to a maximum of €630.



## A childminder must fulfil the following criteria in order to receive the Childminders Development Grant:

- Provide or propose to provide a childminding service for at least one child on a full-time basis and one child on a part-time basis OR for three children on a part-time basis in the childminder's home
- Have completed a Quality Awareness Programme or equivalent
- Have notified the South Western Area Health Board of your service
- Provide evidence of appropriate insurance
- Intend to operate as a childminder service for a minimum of two years following receipt of the grant
- Must not be the recipient of any other funding under the Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme to date
- The grant may be used for the purchase of capital items to enhance safety/quality in the service, sample list attached. No purchase should be made until grant approval has been received.

## Examples of what the Childminders Development Grant can be used for:

### Equipment

Outdoor/indoor play and safety equipment

### Safety Equipment

- Fire blanket
- First Aid kit
- Cupboard locks
- Fireguard
- Smoke alarms
- Socket covers
- Stair gates

### Other Equipment

- Cot
- Car seat
- Changing unit
- Highchair
- Buggy
- Potty/toilet seat

### Toys for various Age Groups

- Books
- Games
- Play mat
- Art materials
- Jigsaws

### Toys – outdoor

- Sandpit
- Slide
- Doll's pram/buggy
- Swing
- Bike/trike

### Minor adaptations

- Garden fence
- Banisters cover
- Garden gate
- Radiator cover



## WHAT NEXT?

The Kildare County Childcare committee will administer the Childminder Development Grant Scheme in County Kildare.

Application Forms are available from:



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