



## Early Years Child Protection Programme

### Mandatory Reporting of Child Protection Concerns – Commencing December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

<b>5 Steps to Prepare for the Children First Act, 2015</b>	
<p><b>Step 1</b></p> <p><i>E-Learning</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Take the Tusla e-learning module, <a href="#">Introduction to Children First</a>, which provides introductory information about the new legal requirements.</li> <li>&gt; Everyone working or involved in an early years service should complete the course including staff, board members and volunteers.</li> <li>&gt; It is recommended that in addition to completing the e-learning module a minimum of 2 people in each service attend Always Children First Child Protection Training. Training will be available through your local Childcare Committee from March, 2018.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Step 2.</b></p> <p><i>Download and Read</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <a href="#">Children First Guidance 2017</a></li> <li>&gt; <a href="#">A Guide for Reporting Child Protection and Welfare Concerns.</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Step. 3</b></p> <p><i>Inform staff</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; If you are a chairperson or service manager, make sure all staff and team members have been informed about the new legal obligations before December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Step 4.</b></p> <p><i>Develop a Child Safeguarding Statement</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Start Developing your Child Safeguarding Statement – you have until March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018.</li> <li>&gt; Read the Guidance on developing a Child Safe Guarding Statement: <a href="#">Download here.</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Step 5</b></p> <p><i>Attend a Briefing Session</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Look out for our Briefing Sessions on the Children First Act, 2015 for early years services in early 2018.</li> </ul>