

Newsletter



Children's
Disability
Network
Team

North Tipperary Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT)

Managers Message

Welcome to the Summer 2026 Edition of the North Tipperary Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) Newsletter.

I hope that all our families are having a great summer and enjoying some of the wonderful weather.

I hope you are finding our newsletter useful. Please do pop us an email if there are topics you would like to see us include.

Ann Somers

CDNT Manager



Update on Staffing

We continue to have significant staffing challenges, however we are delighted to let you know that we have 5 new staff working their way through the recruitment process. Access to Psychology remains our most significant challenge.

We continue to advertise our vacant positions, so please do share the information below with anyone you know who may be looking for a position.

Meet your Speech and Language Therapists (SLT)

We now have four full time and one part time Speech and Language therapists on the team - Jenny, Orlaith, Katie, Olive and our newest recruit, Leanne.

Some Useful Tips/Suggestions from your SLT

Follow your child's lead!

Communication is about more than talking -it's about having a voice, making choices, sharing ideas, expressing feelings and being understood. You can support this by joining in with what your child is interested in rather than always asking questions or prompting them to communicate.

Your Family Network

Please join us at your next Family Network Meeting.

When: 10th September at 10am

Where: Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh

Find out more about the Family Network Meeting Here:



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A reminder to everyone that our Family Network are seeking to elect a new Family Representative - if you might be interested you can find more information here:



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Watch, join, comment and pause. Describe what your child is doing, offer choices, model useful language and give them plenty of time to respond in their own way -through words, sounds, gestures, signs, pictures or AAC.

let's play



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Upcoming Events

(Please note these can change depending on capacity/interest)



August

- Total Communication Approach
- Understanding and Responding to Big Emotions
- Transition to Secondary School Groups

September

- Family Network Meeting (open to all).
- Sleep Workshop
- Understanding Autism
- Keys to Language
- Total Communication Approach
- Toileting workshops (*waiting list)

October

- Keys to Language
- Total Communication Approach
- Self Advocacy Group
- Stay Together, Play Together
- Further Groups to be confirmed

November

- Exploring Food as a Family
- Stay Together, Play Together
- Self Advocacy Group
- Total Communication Approach
- Further Groups to be confirmed

Invitations to the above events are based on goals identified by your child, young person or family in your IFSP and the waiting list for these events. If you think one of these might interest you, and you are not already on the waiting list for that event, please do contact the team to discuss if that event might be appropriate for your child. Unfortunately we are not currently in a position to offer to those on the waiting list for services.

IMPORTANT



Your Children's Disability Network Team's Current Vacancies

We currently have vacancies in Social Work, Physiotherapy and Psychology. Vacant posts can be applied for at:

<https://enableireland.ie/about-us/careers>

If there are topics that you would like to see included in our newsletter, please do let us know.

Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP)

The IFSP is a plan made by the family and the CDNT in partnership. The plan brings together the child's and family's needs, priorities and desired outcomes with the team's knowledge and expertise.

You can find out more about the IFSP here:



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