

An online Directory of Services for Children from Pre-birth to 6 Years and their Families\*

#### **Child and Family Support Services in County Louth**

#### **Child Abuse / Child Protection**

If you have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of any child please call

The Child and Family Agency (046) 9098560

Out-of-hours please contact your local Garda Station or call 112 or 999





\*Many of the organisations/agencies detailed also provide services to children, adults and families outside the pre-birth to 6 years old age group Disclaimer: Please note that whilst every effort is made to ensure that the information contained in this document is accurate and up-to-date, The Genesis Programme, Louth Children's & Young People's Services Committee, any of their sub-groups or any of the organisations/agencies/services listed cannot be held accountable for any errors or inaccurate information within.



The Genesis Programme is a consortium of some fifty Partner Organisations that is delivering the Incredible Years suite of programmes and other evidence-informed interventions to children, families and communities in Dundalk and Drogheda as part of the Area Based Childhood (ABC)

Programme. A full list of partners can be found on the website.

The vision of The Genesis Programme is to measurably improve the well-being and developmental outcomes for children aged pre-birth to 6 years in the targeted areas by implementing the Incredible Years suite of programmes with fidelity using an agreed area based approach.

For more information please visit: www.genesislouth.ie



Louth Children's & Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) is a collaboration of agencies working together to improve the lives of children, young people and their families in County Louth.

Its membership is drawn from a number of key agencies; Health Service Executive (HSE), Department of Social Protection, Louth County Council (LCC), Co. Louth Education & Training Board (Louth ETB), An Garda Siochana, The Probation Service, Louth County Childcare Committee, Louth Leader Partnership, Voluntary Representation, Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT), North East Regional Drugs Task Force, Irish Primary Principals Network (IPPN) and National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals (NAPD).

For more information please visit: <a href="www.louthcsc.ie">www.louthcsc.ie</a>

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## **Addiction Supports**

Addiction Supports		
Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
AA	Self help group for people with alcohol related problems.	T: (01) 842 0700 W: www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie E: gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie
Al-Anon: Family and Friends Support Group	Support for families of people with alcohol related problems.	T: (01) 873 2699 W: www.al-anon-ireland.org E: info@alanon.ie
Callaghan Counselling & ABA Services	Fully qualified and accredited psychotherapist. Services for adults and children.	Ardmell Clinic, Upper Mell, Drogheda,  T: 086 6631316  W: www.callaghancounselling.ie  E: callaghancounselling@gmail.com
Drogheda Community Drug & Alcohol Forum	A local network dealing with issues caused by drug and substance abuse.	T: (042) 9372313 FB: @dcdaf
Drogheda Homeless Aid	Care, support and shelter for homeless men.	35 North Strand, Drogheda T: (041) 983 4492 W: www.dha.ie E: info@dha.ie

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details	
Dundalk Counselling Centre	Treat alcohol, drugs, gambling and prescription drug addictions in adults.	3 Seatown Place, Dundalk T: (042) 933 8333 W: www.dundalkcounsellingcentre.ie E: info@dundalkcounsellingcentre.ie	
Dundalk Simon Community	Help for people experiencing homelessness.	63 Barrack Street, Dundalk T: (042) 932 8764 W: www.dundalksimon.ie E: info@dundalksimon.ie	
Family Addiction Support Network	Support for families of people with addiction issues.	The Hub, Lios Dubh, Armagh Rd, Dundalk T: 087 9046405 W: www.fasn.ie E: info.fasn@gmail.com FB: @fasnsupport	
HSE North Louth Drug Addiction Services	One-to-One Counselling for drug users, families and concerned persons.  Outreach Service	Market Street, Dundalk T: (042) 939 4000	

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
HSE South Louth Drug Addiction Services	Assessment Support	11 Chord Rd, Drogheda T: (041) 984 3531
	Withdrawal Treatment Counselling	
Louth Community Drug and Alcohol Team	Drop in service available.  Information and referral for current drug users.  Social care and drug education.  Harm reduction programme.  Structured day programme for drug users in recovery.	1 Leyland Place, Stockwell Lane Drogheda T: 086 783 1162/ (041) 9804957 W: www.lcdat.ie E: admin@lcdat.ie
Pillar Family Support Group	Family Support Group	Community Centre, Scarlet Crescent Drogheda T: 086 897 4138 E: <a href="mailto:frmofitz@gmail.com">frmofitz@gmail.com</a>
Turas Counselling Services	20-week Aftercare Programme for recovering drug and alcohol users.  Outreach  Community Alcohol Detox  Family Support Group	59 Clanbrassil Street  Dundalk  T: (042) 933 8221/9338224  E: info@turascounselling.ie

## **Bereavement and Loss**

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Drogheda Community Services	Day Care Centre Information and Support Services for Older People Bereavement Counselling Service Mediation Service Addiction Counselling Legal Aid and Advice Community based educational programmes	Drogheda Community Services Trust , Dermot Kieran's Centre Scarlet Crescent, Drogheda T: (041) 983 6084 E: info@droghedacsc.net W: www.droghedacsc.net
Dundalk Counselling Centre	One to One Counselling Youth Counselling Child Focused Family Therapy Therapeutic Group Work In House and Outreach	T: (042) 933 8333 E: dundalkcounsellingcentre@gmail.com W: www.dundalkcounsellingcentre.ie
Rainbows	Voluntary service for children and young people experiencing loss following bereavement or parental separation.	Drogheda: Connect Family Resource Centre T: (041) 984 6608  Dundalk: Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre T: (042) 933 6393  T: (01) 473 4175 (National Office) E: ask@rainbowsireland.ie
		W: www.rainbowsireland.ie

## **Child and Family Services**

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Adoption Services	Provides a full Preparation and Assessment Service for Irish and Inter-Country Adoption.  Also provide a Placement and Post-Placement service for Irish and inter-Country Adoption.	Child and Family Centre St. Mary's Hospital Dublin Road Drogheda T: (041) 9893301
AMEN	Provides confidential helpline & support for male victims of domestic violence.	St Anne's Resource Centre, Railway Street, Dillonsland, Navan, Co. Meath T: (046) 902 3718 W: www.amen.ie
Community House Network, Rathmullen	Preparation for Work Courses Cookery Courses IT Classes Gardening Club Gamblers Anonymous Group Counseling Service for a nominal fee	229 Rathmullen Park T: (041) 984 5184 FB: @RathmullenNet
Connect Family Resource Centre	Offers a range of services including: Parenting Classes Cookery Classes, Information Health Promotion activities to target groups and families	Monday to Friday: 9.30am - 5pm T: (041) 984 6608 E: connectfrc@gmail.com W: www.connectfrc.com

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Cox's Demesne Youth & Community Project Ltd "The House"	Supports personal and social development of young people in Cox's Demesne, especially those who are at risk of alcohol & drug misuse, petty, crime, early school leaving, neglect and homelessness.	T: (042) 933 0432 E: coxscycp@iol.ie
Drogheda Area Women's Network (DAWN)	Affordable Counseling Buddy Accompaniment Services Childcare Services Educational Classes Information and Advice	97 Georges Street, Drogheda T: (041) 984 4131
Drogheda Women's and Children's Refuge	Offers shelter and safe accommodation to women and children who are homeless due to violence and/or abuse	T: (041) 984 4550 W: www.droghedarefuge.org
Drogheda Family Support  Dundalk Family Support	Family Support, offered on a one-to-one basis or in a group setting.	Droichead Family Support Group  T: 086 2218811 (Brenda Kirwan)  bcollkir@gmail.com  Dundalk Family Support Group  T: 042 9355251 (Gwen McKenna)  info@nerfsn.ie

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details	
Focus Your Future (Lifestyle Development Group Ltd Drogheda)	IT/office skills programme for unemployed people aged 18-35 who have not completed their secondary education.	10 Magdalene Street, Drogheda T: (041) 9802768 FB: @LifeStyleFocusYourFuture	
Fostering & Children in Care Services	Provides a service to children in long-term Foster Care and Residential Care.  Provides a service to young people who are in the process of leaving or have left care.  Also provides service to Foster Carers.	Louth/Meath T: 086 1833760 / 086 1833761 W: www.tusla.ie/services/alternative-care/foster-care/	
ISPCC	Parent and Youth Mentoring  Counselling to young people at risk (0-18 years)  Individual Counselling through telephone, text or web-based initiatives.	15/4 Work Space Centre Mayoralty St. Drogheda T: (041) 983 3406 W: www.ispcc.ie	
Lifestart  (Lifestyle Development Group Ltd Drogheda & Cox's Demesne Youth and Community Project Ltd)	Lifestart offers a monthly child and parent development programme. It is delivered to parents in their own homes by trained family visitors.  It is for parents of children aged birth to five years.	Drogheda Lifestart The Lifestyle Centre Ballsgrove Drogheda T: (041) 9842078 E: lifestart@lifedev.ie	

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Louth Traveller Movement	Travellers and non-Travellers working together to achieve equality for Travellers in Co. Louth	C/o Redeemer Resource Centre Cedarwood Park, Dundalk T: 083 1342749 E: bernardkennaltm@gmail.com
National Traveller Counselling Service	Provides a culturally appropriate Traveller Counselling service.	T: 086 308 1476 W: www.travellercounselling.ie
Prevention, Partnership and Family Support (PPFS)	Ireland's go-to programme for prevention and early intervention assistance for children, young people, and families in local communities.	Fiona Kearney  Family Resource Centre, Commons Road, Navan, Co. Meath  T: (041) 9875295  E: Fiona.kearney@tusla.ie  North Louth PPFS  T: (042) 935 1680  W: www.tusla.ie/services/family-community-support/prevention-partnership-and-family-support-programme/  E: family.support@tusla.ie

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Probation Service	Young Persons Probation works to advise, assess and support young people (12-18) who are involved in the Criminal Justice System.  The Probation Service works with other agencies to improve the quality of life for young people and their families.	Probation Service Government Offices Millennium Building Alphonsus Road, Dundalk T: (042) 937 0900
Rape Crisis North East CLG	Provides a specialised, professional counselling and support service to women, men and young adults who have experienced any form of sexual violence.	The Great Northern Distillery Offices, Carrick Road, Dundalk  Helpline: 1800 212 122  T: (042) 933 9491  W: www.rcne.ie
Teen Parent Support Programme (Lifestyle Development Group Ltd Drogheda)	Provides support to Teen parents, 19 years and under, with children under 2.  The project offers one to one support through home visits, advocacy on behalf of the young parents and a source of information on health, social welfare and education.	Karen Byrne Floor 3, Nurses Residence Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda T: (041) 9875294/087-6899002 E: karenm.byrne1@tusla.ie W: www.tpsp.ie
Women's Aid Dundalk	Support to women and children who have experienced domestic violence	T: (042) 933 3244 (24hr Helpline) W: www.womensaiddundalk.net/

# **Disability Support Groups**

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Abacus	Special School for Children with Autism	ABACAS School, Congress Ave, Drogheda T: (041) 980 3366 E: info@droghedaabacas.com
Ablevision Ireland	A project where intellectually challenged people learn about making television /short films together.  The television and media programs are created and produced entirely by people with disabilities.	Barbican Centre William Street Drogheda  E: contactus@ablevisionireland.com  W: https://ablevisionireland.com
Access Youth Club	Aims to meet the social, developmental and personal needs of young people.	Boomerang Cafe 62 Fair St, Drogheda T: (041) 983 9916
AsIAm		AsIAm 84 Amiens Street Dublin D01 N4X9 W: www.asiam.ie

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Autism Initiatives	We work positively alongside people with autism, their families and carers providing specialist services tailored to each individual.	Unit 3/4, Quayside Business Park Mill Street Dundalk E: lisa.mcdonald@asdi.ie
		W:www.autisminitiatives.org/
Autism Support Louth & Meath	A parent led support group for families of both children and adults affected by Autism.  Monthly support group meetings Weekly youth clubs Training courses Information and advocacy, locally and nationally Network of parents and families	c/o 37 Matson Lodge, Drogheda or c/o Drogheda ABACAS School, Congress Ave, Drogheda T: 087 240 7431 E: jacintawalsh1@gmail.com
Enable Ireland	Enable Ireland provides services to children and adults with disabilities	32F Rosemount Park Drive Rosemount Business Park Ballycoolin Road Dublin 11 T: (01) 872 7155 E: communications@enableireland.ie
Irish Autism Action	Irish Autism Action aims to bring positive change into the lives of those affected by autism.	Coole Road, Multyfarnham, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. N91 WC67 T: (044) 9371680 E: info@autismireland.ie W: www.autismireland.ie

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Irish Wheelchair Association	The National Organisation of People with Limited Mobility	Unit 7 Mayoralty St. Drogheda
		T: (041) 984 6614
		E: drogheda@iwa.ie
		John Street Business Park, Ardee, Louth
		T: (041) 685 3046
		E: ardee@iwa.ie
		W: https://www.iwa.ie/
Louth Meath Down Syndrome	Provides support and information to families with a child, teenager or adult with Down Syndrome	W: www.dsilmb.com
	or addit with bown syndrome	FB: @DownSyndromeLouthMeath
Malta House	Adult Education and Training	Malta House, Fair St, Drogheda
	Rehabilitative Training	T: (041) 983 6145
	Occupational Service	W: www.maltaservicesdrogheda.ie
	Supported Employment Programme	
	Day Care/ Activation Units	
SNAP (Special Needs Active Parents)	Support for all families with children who have Special Needs.	E: info@snapireland.net
		W: https://snapireland.net/

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details	
Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland	National Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Ireland Ltd	Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland (SBHI) National Resource Centre Old Nangor Road Clondalkin Dublin D22 W5C1 T: (01) 457 2329 E: info@sbhi.ie	

## **Entitlements and Allowances**

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Carers Allowance	Carer's Allowance is a payment to people on low incomes who are looking after a person who needs support because of age, physical/learning disability or illness (including mental illness).	Carer's Allowance Section Social Welfare Services Office Government Buildings Ballinalee Road Longford  Tel: (043) 334 0000  Locall: 1890 92 77 70  Dublin (01) 704 3000 ext 48940  W: https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/ 4/olderpeople/carersrelatives/carers- allowance.html
Carer Support Grant	Carer's Support Grant is an annual payment made to carers by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP).  Carers can use the grant in whatever way they wish. You can use the grant to pay for respite care if you wish, but you do not have to do so.	Carer's Support Grant Section PO Box 10085 Dublin 2 T: (01) 673 2222 W: www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/respite.aspx

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Child Benefit	Child Benefit (previously known as Children's Allowance) is payable to the parents or guardians of children who are under 16 years of age, or under 18 years of age if the child is in full-time education or has a disability.	Social Welfare Services Office St Oliver Plunkett Road Letterkenny Co. Donegal F92 T449  T: (074) 916 4496 Locall: 1890 400 400  W: https://www2.hse.ie/wellbeing/child-health/benefits-and-entitlements/child-benefit-and-other-supports.html
Civil Registration	The registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages The re-registration of Births The late registration of Births and Deaths Registration of Coroner's Certificates Issuing of Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates	Primary Care Services Boyne Centre Patrick Street Drogheda.  T: (041) 980 9500  Primary Care Services Louth County Hospital Dublin Road Dundalk  T: (042) 938 5447 W: https://www2.hse.ie/

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Community Welfare Officers	The Community Welfare Service provides assessment and means testing for a variety of allowances and services.  Services include:  Back to School Clothing and Footwear Scheme  Blind Welfare Allowance  National Fuel Scheme  Supplementary Welfare Allowance	(T): Ardee 086 7953253 Drogheda (041) 9815272 Dundalk (042) 9357985 Muirhevnamore (042) 9389730 W: http://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/otheroffice/community-welfare-office-louth.aspx
Drugs Payment Scheme	This scheme covers part of the cost of prescribed medication. It is available to families and individuals.	Drugs Payment Scheme Client Registration Unit PO Box 12966 Dublin 11  Locall:1890 252 919 W: http://www.drugspayment.ie Email: clientregistration@hse.ie
GP Visit Card	A GP Visit Card entitles the holder to free GP services.	Client Registration Unit 4th Floor, HSE PCRS Finglas Dublin 11  T: (051) 595 129 Locall: 1890 252 919 W: www.medicalcard.ie Download a form here: www.sspcrs.ie/portal/medapp/contact .jsp E: clientregistration@hse.ie

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Long Term Illness	The scheme is for individuals who have been diagnosed as suffering from any of fifteen specified illnesses. It allows you to obtain the drugs and appliances you need for the treatment of your condition for free.  The illnesses covered by the scheme are:  Mental Handicap Acute Leukaemia Mental Illness Parkinsonism Phenylketonuria Muscular Dystrophy Cystic Fibrosis Multiple Scerosis Spina Bifida Epilepsy Hydrocephalus Cerebral Palsy Diabetes Mellitus Haemophilia Diabetes Insipidus Diabetes Insipidus	Louth Community Care Services Dublin Road Dundalk  T: (042) 933 2287  W: https://www2.hse.ie/services/long-term-illness-scheme/long-term-illness.html
Maternity Benefit	Maternity Benefit is paid to women who are on maternity leave from work and are covered by Social Insurance (PRSI).  You should apply for the payment 6 weeks before you intend to go on maternity leave (12 weeks if you are self-employed).  If you are already on certain social welfare payments then you may get half-rate Maternity Benefit.  Some employers will continue to pay an employee, in full, while she is on maternity leave and require her to have any Maternity Benefit paid to them. You should check your contract of employment to see what applies to you.	Maternity Benefit Section Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection McCarter's Road Buncrana Donegal F93 CH79  Tel:(01) 471 5898 Locall:1890 690 690 W: http://www.welfare.ie

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Medical Card	A Medical Card gives its holder free Health Services. Being eligible for a medical card depends on your circumstances. If you do not automatically qualify for a medical card, we will carry out an assessment. You will need to provide information about your:  • income  • expenses  • marital status  • dependants	Client Registration Unit 4th Floor HSE PCRS Finglas, Dublin 11  T: (051) 595 129 Locall: 1890 252 919 W: http://www.medicalcard.ie Contact Form: https://www.sspcrs.ie/portal/medapp/ contact.jsp E: clientregistration@hse.ie

### **Health and HSE**

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Audiology Services	The primary focus of the paediatric Audiology service is to detect children who have permanent hearing loss.  Hearing test is carried out on children in their first year of Primary School.	North East Community Dundalk, Louth Community Services, Dublin Road, Dundalk, T: (042) 938 5455 E: Louth.AudiologyServices@hse.ie W: https://www.hse.ie
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHs)	CAMHS is available for all young people and their families who are experiencing mental health difficulties that affect their ability to function in day to day activities up to the age of 18 years.  CAMHs help with conditions like, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, psychosis and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.  Sometimes these difficulties are noticeable by persistent feelings of sadness, worry, stress, concentration issues or deliberate self-harm.	To access a CAMHS service you need to be referred by your GP.  Louth Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services Dublin Road Drogheda  T:(041) 9832963 W: www.hse.ie
Children's Dental Services	Dental Treatment can be availed of from birth to the age of 16 years.  Dental Nurse visits Primary Schools, where children can be referred to Dental Clinic for further treatment.  Emergency Treatment only (i.e. Treatment for Pain) is provided between 14 and 16 years.	T: (042) 933 2287 W: https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/ 2/dental/

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Community Ophthalmology Services	Children can avail of Ophthalmic or Eye Testing Services. These can be accessed by referral from your GP or Public Health Nurse.	Local Health Office, Dundalk
		T: (042) 938 5454
		Haymarket, Drogheda
		T: (041) 983 8605
Disability – Early Intervention Team	Provide services to children with disability and development delay.	Referrals are made by GP, schools or Public Health Nurse.
		Early Intervention Service, Boyne Business Park, Drogheda
		T: (041) 984 2423
Family Talk	Service for the whole family when a parent has mental health difficulties.	Shireen O'Neill Social Worker Drogheda, AMHs
		T: 086 389 3099
General Practitioner	GPs provide a broad service to their patients on all health issues. GPs play a central role in the health of our community, caring for people from birth and childhood, through to older age and end of life care.	List of GP's online: www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/lho/lo uth/ Contact your Family Doctor
	They may refer patients to see specialists or hospital consultants if required.	,

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Health Promotion	The Health Promotion website provides practical information and advice on many areas including:  Alcohol Mental Health Smoking Drugs Dementia Physical Activity Breastfeeding Young People Schools Healthy Eating	W: www.healthpromotion.ie
Hospital Nutrition and Dietetics Services	A dietetic service for children is available only at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda.	Patients are seen by appointment only. You must have a signed referral form from a consultant.
Maternity Services	Every woman who is pregnant and ordinarily resident in Ireland is entitled to Maternity Care under the Maternity and Infant Scheme.  Your GP should have an application form – which you fill in together.	Our Lady of Lourdes Drogheda  T: (041) 983 7601  W: www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/3/mater nity/
National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS)	We work with both primary and post-primary schools. We are concerned with learning, behaviour, social and emotional development.  If you feel your child may need the support of a NEPS psychologist please talk to your school.	W: www.education.ie/en/Schools- Colleges/Services/National- Educational-Psychological-Service- NEPS-/neps_parent_leaflet.pdf

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Occupational Therapy Services  Palliative Care	Occupational therapy can help you with practical tasks if you:	Local Health Office Dublin Road Dundalk  T: (042) 938 5414  W: www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/lho/lo uth/therapy/  Dochas Centre, Our Lady of Lourdes, Drogheda  T: (041) 987 5259  Ask for Palliative Care
Physiotherapy Services	Physiotherapists use exercise and movement to help people who have suffered an injury or illness to regain their health or mobility.  Community Physiotherapy services are provided from the Local Health Office.	Local Health Office Dublin Road Dundalk T: (042) 6820000 W:www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/lho /louth/therapy/

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Primary Care Centre	Primary Care Team services include:  General Practitioner Service Practice Nurse Service Community Nurse Service (Public Health Nurse & Community Registered General Nurse) Home Help / Home Care Attendant Service Occupational Therapy Service Physiotherapy Service Speech and Language Therapy Service Social Work Service	Primary Care Centre, Barrack Street Dundalk  T: (042) 6820000  Boyne Primary Care Centre Patrick Street, Drogheda  T: (041) 98 09500  W:www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/2/pri marycare/about.html
Psychology Services	If you feel persistently sad, have trouble sleeping or experience unexplained aches and pains, you should visit your GP for some advice.  Family Talk is a service for the whole family when a parent has mental health difficulties.  All referrals to Louth Meath Mental Health Services must be done by your GP.	Drogheda Day Centre, Donore Road T: (041) 983 4016  Ladywell Daycare Centre, Dublin Road Dundalk T: (042) 932 6156  St. Brigid's Hospital, Ardee T: (041) 685 3264  W: www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/lho/lo uth/mental-health-services/  Family Talk, Shireen O'Neill T: 086 389 3099

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Public Health Nursing Services	There are Public Health Nurses working from every Health Centre.  Public Health Nurses provide a broad range of services to people in their homes and in the Health Centre.  • Visit new mothers and babies offering support, advice and screening  • Provide a home nursing service  • Provide aftercare to people who have been discharged from hospital.  Contact your Public Health Nurse at your Local Health Centre.	Drogheda T: (041) 983 8605  Dundalk T: (042) 933 2287  W: www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/lho/lo uth/hcphnlouth.html
Speech & Language Therapy Services	Help for children and adults who need help developing their speech or who have had difficulty in this area.	Referrals can be made through your Public Health Nurse, GP or the child's school  T: (042) 6820015 W: www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/lho/lo uth/therapy/

## **Homeless Services**

Homeless Services		
Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Dundalk Simon	We provide safe, supportive shelter and services for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.	T: (042) 933 9583 E: info@dundalksimon.ie.com W: https://dundalksimon.ie
Louth County Council Homeless Service County Hall Dundalk	For information on help and support the council can provide.	Denis McArdle Homeless Officer T: 087 418 6000 E: homeless@louthcoco.ie
Peter McVerry Trust	Staff in the drop in service in Drogheda can assist with the following:  Support completing forms Information direction HAP property search HAP preparation- info re gathering references, copies of ID etc Information regarding local services; eg: CWO, HAP Clinic, Homeless Clinic, Addiction Services, Family Support Services, Intreo, etc	20 St Laurence Street, Drogheda  Drop in service 10am – 12noon Monday to Friday. Appointments are available outside of these hours  T: (041) 983 4274  E: info@pmvtrust.ie

## **Mental Health**

<b>Mental Health</b>		
Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
AWARE	Support for people affected by stress, depression, bipolar disorder and mood related conditions.	T: Freephone 1800 80 4848 E: supportmail@aware.ie W: www.aware.ie
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS)	CAMHS is available for all young people and their families who are experiencing mental health difficulties that affect their ability to function in day to day activities up to the age of 18 years.  CAMHs help with conditions like, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, psychosis and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.  Sometimes these difficulties are noticeable by persistent feelings of sadness, worry, stress, concentration issues or deliberate self-harm.	To access a CAMHS service you need to be referred by your GP.  Louth Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services Dublin Road Drogheda  T:(041) 9832963 W: www.hse.ie
GROW	Help for people who have suffered or are suffering from mental health problems.	T: 1890 474 474 W: https://grow.ie/
Mental Health Ireland – Dundalk MHA	Mental Health Ireland promotes positive mental health and wellbeing to all individuals and communities.  Through our network of Mental Health Associations, we support people who experience mental health difficulties on their journey of recovery.	T: 086 602 8157 T: (01) 284 1166 E: info@mentalhealthireland.ie dundalkmha@mentalhealthireland.ie W: www.mentalhealthireland.ie

<b>Mental Health</b>		
Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Nurture	Nurture Health is a nationwide counselling support service. We offer timely, affordable, professional counselling and supports surrounding conception, pregnancy and childbirth well-being to women and partners.	T: 0858619585 E: info@nurturehealth.ie W: www.nurturehealth.ie
Parentline	We offer support, guidance and information on all aspects of being a parent.  Sometimes, all you could need is a listening ear.	Lo call 1890 927277 T: (01) 873 3500 E: info@parentline.ie
Samaritans	Provides 24-hour emotional support to anyone struggling to cope.	3, Leland Place Stockwell Lane Drogheda A92 YK3T  T: 041 – 984 3844 (Drogheda area general enquiries)  T: 116 123 (Freephone)  E: jo@samaritans.org  W: www.samaritans.org/branches/samaritans-drogheda-north-east
The Changing Lives Initiative (The Genesis Programme)	Provide a free early intervention parent programme for families with children age 3 to 7 experiencing behaviours consistent with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).	Unit 37, RDC, DKIT, Dundalk T: (042) 950 2220 E: changinglives@cllp.ie FB: @changingliveslouth W: www.changinglivesinitiaive.com

<b>Mental Health</b>		
Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
SOSAD	We raise awareness of suicide in Ireland.  We provide support and direction to those feeling suicidal and for those bereaved by suicide.	30 Magdalene Street, Drogheda  T: (041) 984 8754 E: sosaddrogheda@gmail.com  42 Jocelyn Street, Dundalk  T: (042) 932 7311 E: sosaddundalk@gmail.com
		W: https://sosadireland.ie/
Teenline Ireland	Teenline Ireland is a free 24 hr service for the young.  If you need someone to talk to, they're there to listen and to help.	Teenline Ireland St Dominic's SC Tallaght Dublin T: (01) 462 2122 (01) 462 2124 E: info@teenline.ie
HSE National Counselling Service	The HSE National Counselling Service welcomes calls from adults who have experienced abuse in childhood.	T: 1800234117 W: www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/mental-health-services/national-counselling-service/

## **Parent and Toddler Groups**

For a full list of Parent and Toddler Groups in Co Louth please see https://www.louthchildcare.ie/parents/

### **Parenting Programmes**

The Genesis Programme delivers a range of parenting programmes for parents of children from pre-birth to 12 years of age in Louth. Please visit www.genesislouth.ie for more information.

#### **Preschool Services**

Preschool Services		
Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
AIM – The Access and Inclusion Model	AIM is a programme of supports designed to ensure that children with disabilities can participate fully in the pre-school curriculum alongside their peers.	T: (01) 511 7222 E: onlinesupport@pobal.ie W: http://aim.gov.ie/
Early Childhood Ireland	Early Childhood Ireland supports and represents the people who play a role in the development, delivery and oversight of early childhood care and education in Ireland.  We prioritise the interests of children.	Hainault House, Belgard Square Tallaght D24 RFV0  T: (01) 405 7100  E: info@earlychildhoodireland.ie  W: www.earlychildhoodireland.ie
Louth County Childcare Committee	Provide advice and information to parents about their entitlements to the government childcare programmes.  Provide information of where to access Childcare services and Parent and toddler groups.  Support Childcare Services with advice, information and training to promote and enhance quality early years care for children.	Unit 4, Oriel Hub Finnibair Industrial Park Dundalk  T: (042) 933 6364  E: clerical@louthchildcare.ie  W: www.louthchildcare.ie
Tusla - Preschool Services	The Child and Family Agency is responsible for inspecting preschools, play groups, day nursery, crèches, day-care and similar services which cater for children aged 0-6 years.	Early Years Inspectorate, Child Wellbeing Centre, Castleblayney, Co Monaghan  T: 087 9632328 E: info@tusla.ie W: www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/

# **Primary Schools**

<b>Primary Schools</b>		
Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Tusla – Education Welfare Services	The Educational Welfare Services work with schools and other relevant services to secure better educational outcomes for children and young people.  Schools are obliged by law under the Education (Welfare) Act, 2000 to submit reports on school attendance to the Educational Welfare Services of the Child and Family Agency.	Child and Family Agency Louth/Meath Enterprise Centre Trim Road, Navan Co Meath  T: (046) 9098500 E: GrainneSullivan.LM@tusla.ie W: www.tusla.ie/services/educational-welfare-services/
National Parents' Council	National Parents Council Primary (NPC) is the only representative organisation for parents of children in primary or early education. NPC supports parents to support their children throughout their early and primary school years. NPC strongly believes that children should have their say in issues that affect their educational lives.  The Information/Helpline officers listen, and give information and support to parents to help them make the best possible decisions for and with their children	National Parents' Council Primary 12 Marlborough Court Marlborough Street, Dublin 1  T: (01) 887 4034 E: info@npc.ie  Helpline: (01) 887 4477 Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm E: helpline@npc.ie  W: www.npc.ie

For a full list of Primary Schools in Co Louth please see http://www.education.ie/en/Find-a-School/School-List/?level=Primary&geo=Louth&ethos=-1&lang=1&gender=-1

# **Sports, Recreation and Leisure**

Sports, Recreation and Leisure		
Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Louth Local Sports Partnership (All Sports – including Athletics, Camogie, Gaelic Football, Hurling, Rugby and Soccer)	Provides support to sport and active recreation at local level in the Louth area.  The key aim of the Louth Local Sports Partnerships is to increase participation in sport and physical recreation and ensure that local resources are used to best effect	Louth Local Sports Partnership Tom Bellew Avenue Dundalk T: (042) 9324318 E: louthlsp@louthcoco.ie W: www.louthlsp.ie
Community Sports Hub	The HUB supports and develops participation in physical activity, sport and recreation for the entire community of Muirhevnamor.	W: www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/sp orts_recreation/community- sports-hub/
Create Louth	Visit the Create Louth website for a calendar of cultural activities across Louth.	Louth County Council Town Hall Crowe Street Dundalk A91 W20C W: www.createlouth.ie
Disability Sports	Louth Local Sports Partnership provides support to sport and active recreation in Louth.  A range of activities supporting Disability Sports are available.	Louth Local Sports Partnership Tom Bellew Avenue Dundalk  T: (042) 9324318  E: louthlsp@louthcoco.ie  W: www.louthlsp.ie

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Irish Dancing	Irish dancing is a traditional dance.  Classes are held in most areas. For a list of teachers visit www.clrg.ie	An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha – The Irish Dancing Commission W: www.clrg.ie
Irish Girl Guides	The Irish Girl Guides is a uniquely girl-only, youth-driven organisation.  It offers a varied and exciting programme for girls and young women aged 5-26, and opportunities for Leaders of all ages.  Local groups can be found through the website's Unit Locator.	W: www.irishgirlguides.ie  National Office T: (01) 668 3898
Library Service	<ul> <li>Lending of books, language tapes, audio books, DVD's, CDs, large print books, magazines and journals</li> <li>Reference collection - encyclopaedias, directories etc</li> <li>Free internet access in all branch libraries</li> <li>Printing facilities are available in all branches</li> <li>Free Wi-Fi access in Dundalk, Ardee &amp; Drogheda Branches</li> </ul>	Market Square, Ardee T: (041) 685 9023  Newry Street, Carlingford T: (042) 932 4113  Stockwell Lane, Drogheda T: (041) 987 6162 E: droghedalibrary@louthcoco.ie  Roden Place, Dundalk T: (042) 935 3190 E: libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie  Station Road, Dunleer T: (041) 685 9016  Mobile Library: W: www.louthcoco.ie/en/Services/Library/Where-Are-We-/Mobile_Library/

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Louth GAA	For a list of GAA clubs in County Louth visit www.louthgaa.ie	W: http://louthgaa.ie/
Music Generation Louth	Music Generation is Ireland's National Music Education Programme. It helps children and young people access music education in their own locality.	W: www.musicgeneration.ie
Parks and Gardens	Places to visit in Louth that are open to the public.	W: www.irishtourist.com/directory/pl aces_to_visit/parks_and_gardens /north/louth/
Scouting Ireland	Scouting Ireland is an organisation where the youth members learn, develop and have fun in a safe and secure environment.  Age range from 6+	Scouting Ireland, National Office, Larch Hill, Dublin 16  T: (01) 495 6300  W:www.scouts.ie/Get- involved/Group-Locator/l
Swimming Pools	Aura's Swim Academy caters for children of all ages from toddlers to teenagers.	Drogheda T: (041) 987 4478 W: www.auraleisure.ie/drogheda  Dundalk T: (042) 933 6230 W:www.auraleisure.ie/dundalk
Things To Do	FunDays.ie is an independent Irish company set up to provide busy parents with ideas on where to "have fun" in Ireland.	W: www.fundays.ie/things-to-do-louth

# **Support Groups/Agencies**

Support Agencies/Groups		
Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Citizen's Information Centre	Provides information on public services and entitlements in Ireland.	Drogheda CIC 86 West Street
		T: 0761 07 5940
		E: drogheda@citinfo.ie
		Dundalk CIC 3 - 6 Adelphi Plaza Long Walk, A91 NN 83 T: 0761 07 5950 E: dundalk@citinfo.ie
School Completion Programme (Tusla)	The School Completion Programme (SCP) aims to increase the numbers of young people staying in primary and second level school. Initiatives run by the programme include:  • Breakfast clubs  • Homework clubs  • Afterschool supports  • Mentoring programmes  • Therapeutic interventions  A list of participating schools can be found on the Tusla website.	Tusla – Child and Family Agency T: (01) 7718500 W: www.tusla.ie/services/educati onal-welfare-services/school- support-services-under-the-deis- initiative/school-completion- programme/
FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centres)	FLAC offers some basic legal assistance for free and in confidence.	Drogheda Community Services Centre Scarlet Crescent Drogheda Tel: (041) 983 6084 W: www.flac.ie

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Foróige	We work with over 50,000 young people aged 10-18 each year through volunteer-led Clubs and staff-led Youth Projects. Foróige currently operates in 26 counties in Ireland, with more than 600 Foróige Clubs, 150 Youth Projects, the Big Brother Big Sister mentoring programme, the Foróige Youth Entrepreneurship programme, our Youth Citizenship and Youth Leadership programmes.  We encourage young people to take responsibility for themselves and to be part of shaping the world around them. We help them to develop their talents, skills and abilities.  We also work with vulnerable young people who require additional support through a full range of targeted services.	Breda O'Rourke Regional Youth Officer  T: 086 657 9606 E: Breda.Orourke@foroige.ie W: www.foroige.ie
Louth Ethnic Minority Consortium	Louth Ethnic Minority Consortium works in partnership to develop sustainable initiatives towards the inclusion of minority ethnic groups and to promote positive relations at a local level whilst challenging barriers to integration	FB: www.facebook.com/Louth- Minority-Ethnic-Consortium
MABS	A confidential, independent and non-judgmental service for people in debt or in danger of getting into debt in Ireland	T: Helpline 0761 07 2000 E: helpline@mabs.ie
Muirhevnamor Community Youth Project	Provides stimulating and challenging recreational, social and educational activities for young people.	29 Grange Drive, Muirhevnamor, Dundalk
St. Vincent de Paul	The biggest charitable organisation helping those in need in the North East.	T: (042) 933 7711  North East & Midlands Region: 53 – 54 Trinity Street, Drogheda  T: (041) 987 3331  T: Free phone: 1800 677 777  E: info.northeast@svp.ie  W: www.svp.ie

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Name of Service	Service Description	Contact Details
Youth Work Ireland	Work with local communities to deliver quality supports and services with and for the young	Youth Work Ireland 20 Lower Dominick Street Dublin D01 YP97  T: (01) 8584500 Twitter - @ywirl FB: www.facebook.com/youthworkirel and E: info@youthworkireland.ie