

# Have your say

## Tell us about your experiences of parenting and parenting support



**We would like you to take part in a new and important consultation process with parents. Your voice matters - it can help us to improve the services and supports that are available to parents. We want to know what is important to you as a parent and what you look for in parenting support.**

### What will happen if I take part?

We would like to find out more about your experiences of being a parent and the supports you find important to you in your parenting role.

We would like you to take part in **a one-to-one interview** or a **group discussion with other parents** which will be held **online or via telephone**. During this discussion we want to hear from you about the support you feel you have as a parent:

- What sorts of supports do you look for?
- What are your experiences of these supports?
- What services are available in your area?
- What works for you?
- What could improve? What's missing?

We would also like those who have never accessed formal parenting services in their community to take part, in order to understand the reasons why and what would work best for you.

### Who is conducting this research?

This research is being led by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA). Two independent researchers, Grainne Hickey and Yvonne Leckey, have been contracted to facilitate the focus groups, explore parents' perspectives and preferences and report back the findings to the DCYA. If you would like any further information about the research contact Grainne: [g.hickey@icepe.eu](mailto:g.hickey@icepe.eu) or 083 011 2090

### Should I take part?

We want to provide high quality services that meet your family's needs. We would also like you to give us your opinions so that we can better capture your voice in the development of parenting services and supports. We hope that this consultation process will help us understand how parents can be better included in the development and delivery of parenting supports in the future.

**If you do take part your information will be completely confidential and anonymous.**

