

# Child Well-Being

## An Interagency Strategy for South Kerry



# How did SKDP Child Well-Being Strategy come about?

## At a national level

- December 2005 OMC was established
- National Children's Strategy 2000 – 2010
- NCIP 2006 – 2010
- Planet – Children's Policy Group 2006/07

## At a local level

- LDSIP plans 2006 – 2010
- The need for cohesion within each partnership area
- The need to add value to our work by working in a meaningful way with appropriate agencies

# How did the Child Well-Being Strategy come about?

- There was a need to work more cohesively within our organisation
- There was a need to work in a more formally coordinated way with other agencies

# South Kerry Child Well-Being Strategy

- Child Well-Being implies that you should look at the whole child (0-18years old)
- Each department within SKDP has responsibility for various aspects of Child Well-Being
- Ensuring Child Well-Being means we have to look at all aspects of a child's life and provide a coordinated approach to supporting the child/young person, their family and their community
- SKDP realised we cannot be all things to all people and need to work in a meaningful way with the agencies

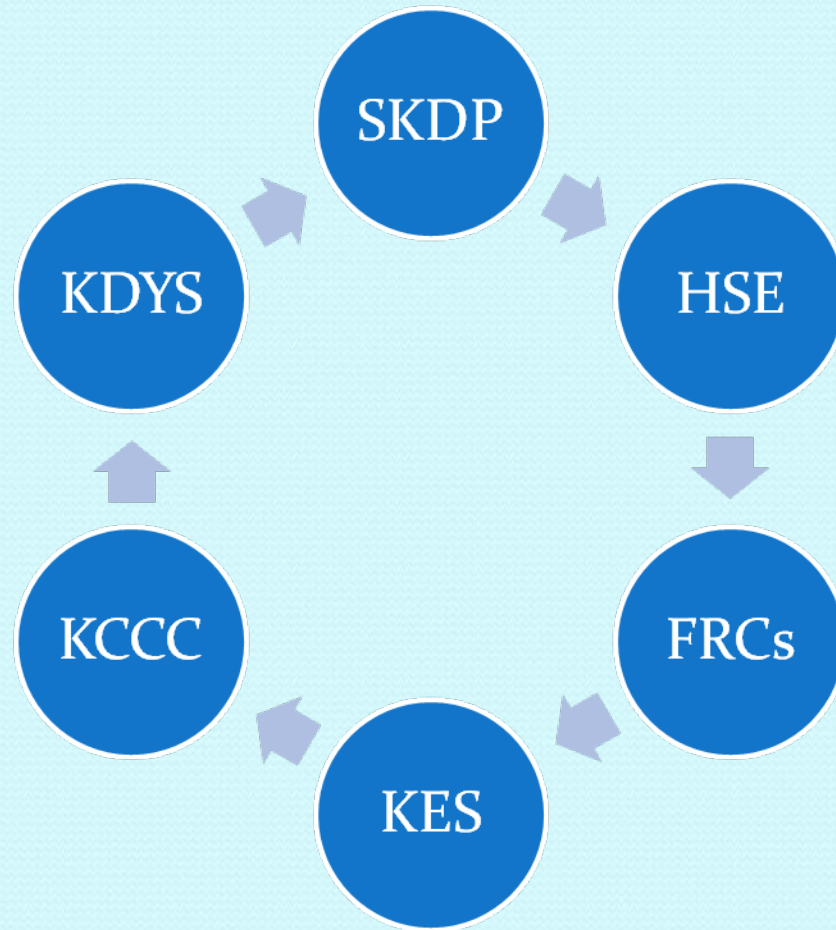
# South Kerry Development Partnership

- SKDP employs an Education Co-ordinator, Community Development Manager, Childcare Development Officer and a Youth Development officer
- All these staff resources were developing programmes and activities which
  - Supported early years care and education
  - Supported lone parents
  - Supported school completion programmes

# SKDP Programmes & Activities Continued

- Supported youth work and youth participation
- Community Childcare – the development of quality affordable childcare
- The integration of children with additional needs in both the childcare and youth sectors
- The development of support networks for parents, young people, childcare staff and childcare management committees

# SK Child Well-Being Committee



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- Community Development Organisations
- Health
- Education

# SK Child Well-Being Committee

- **SKDP** – Community Development Manager, Education Coordinator, Youth Officer & Childcare Development Officer
- **HSE** – Community Development Officer who links with the Childcare Manager & the Community Works Manager
- **KES** – Youth Officer who links with the CEO and the Parenting Officer
- **KCCC** – Manager of Kerry County Childcare
- **FRCs** – Coordinators of 3 of the 6 FRCs serving SK who link with the local network
- **KDYS** - Manager of Kerry Diocesan Youth Service who links with all youth officers in SK

# SK Child Well-Being Committee

- The CWB Committee has been extended to include
  - Manager of the Brothers of Charity Kerry Services
  - A Social Worker from St John of God Services
  - Coordinators from the 3 FRCs who were unable to participate in the CWB strategy to date

# SK Child Well-Being Committee

CWB Interagency Committee

Youth Services Sub-Committee

Learning Support Unit Sub-Committee

Killarney Area LSU

Killorglin Area LSU

Mallesborough Area LS

Kenmare Area LSU

# What Has the CWB Interagency Committee Achieved To Date

- Child Well-Being Interagency Research Report (03/08)
  - To give an overview of existing provision of services for children and young people in South Kerry
  - Identify gaps in service provision
  - Identify models of good practice and positive learning experiences
  - Recommend strategic actions for the next programme period
  - Produce a persuasive, strategic research document which would guide actions, influence policy & lever funding.

# What Has the CWB Interagency Committee Achieved To Date

- Child Well-Being Interagency Strategic Action Plan
  - As a result of the CWB Research Report 4 key areas of work were identified for 2008 – 2010
    - Interagency Working – to formally solidify the existing “relationship based” interagency work and networking to ensure a coordinated network of agencies
    - Youth Services – to increase youth services and programmes and develop new youth spaces
    - Learning Supports – to develop learning support services for South Kerry
    - Additional Needs – to improve access to information for parents

# What Has the CWB Interagency Committee Achieved To Date

- Learning Support Unit Research
  - To develop a suitable LSU model for South Kerry which would provide the best service to children & parents needing additional learning supports
  - It will make suggestions on the mechanism to keep all partners co-operating towards a more cohesive approach to delivering supports to families and children with additional learning needs via this Learning Support Unit.

# What Has the CWB Interagency Committee Achieved To Date

- LSU Research was completed and the South Kerry LSU Model has been agreed and established
- The LSU Sub-committee will oversee the coordination and development of the area based Learning Support Units in the following areas
  - LSU Killarney Area
  - LSU Killorglin Area
  - LSU Cahersiveen Area
  - LSU Kenmare Area

# What Has the CWB Interagency Committee Achieved To Date

- Child Well-Being Interagency Conference December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008
  - To launch the research report & strategic plan
  - To get “buy-in” from senior management in all partner agencies
  - To extend our interagency links
  - To provide information & support to parents
  - To highlight the link between and relevance of national policy and work on the ground
  - To provide a networking opportunity for agencies & delegates

# What Has the CWB Interagency Committee Achieved To Date

- Publication of 4 Information Leaflets for Parents
  - ADD & ADHD Information Leaflet - published and support pack prepared
  - Dyslexia & Dyspraxia Information Leaflet - being completed
  - Downs Syndrome & Learning Difficulties Information Leaflet – to be completed & published by June 2009
  - Autism & Aspergers Syndrome Information Leaflet – to be completed & published by June 2009

# What Has the CWB Interagency Committee Achieved To Date

- Youth Work
  - Audit all services, programmes and activities in South Kerry – to be completed by June 2009
  - To identify priorities and appropriate responses
  - To develop a joint action plan for South Kerry