Creating supportive environments through integrated working to fight child poverty

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We change the lives of all children in Ireland by making sure that their rights are respected and protected in our laws, policies and services. We identify problems for children. We develop solutions. We educate and provide information on children's rights.

We work to make Ireland one of the best places in the world to be a child.
Children’s Rights Alliance

- Work with 120+ members to identify issues and propose solutions
- Influence annual Budgetary cycle
- Contribute to government-led working groups
- Provide information on children’s rights - helpline
- Member of Community and Voluntary Pillar

Integrated working on child poverty
Holding Government to Account

Overall Grade: C−

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Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures 2014-2020

TRANSFORMATIONAL GOALS

- SUPPORT PARENTS
- EARLIER INTERVENTION & PREVENTION
- LISTEN TO AND INVOLVE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
- ENSURE QUALITY SERVICES
- STRENGTHEN TRANSITIONS
- CROSS-GOVERNMENT AND INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION & COORDINATION

CROSS-CUTTING

BETTER OUTCOMES

- ACTIVE & HEALTHY
- ACHIEVING IN ALL AREAS OF LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT
- SAFE & PROTECTED FROM HARM
- ECONOMIC SECURITY & OPPORTUNITY
- CONNECTED, RESPECTED & CONTRIBUTING

STRENGTHENS THE SUPPORT SYSTEM AROUND THE CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON

BRIGHTER FUTURES
National Policy Framework: Implementation Structures

- **Cabinet Committee on Social Policy**
  - **Children and Young People’s Policy Consortium**
    - Chair: DCYA Sec Gen, Deputy Chair Department of the Taoiseach
  - **Sponsors Group**
  - **Implementation Team**
    - **Children and Young People’s Services Committees National Steering Group**
    - **Advisory Council Early Years Children and Youth**
    - **Structured Dialogue Working Group**
    - **Conairle na a06 National Executive**

- **Drive cross-Government implementation of National Policy Framework for Children and Young People and supporting strategies.**
- **Drive implementation of Government commitments.**
- **Coordinate activities, monitor implementation (DCYA).**
- **Advise the Policy Consortium on implementation of National Policy Framework for Children and Young People and supporting strategies.**
Child Poverty Sub-group

Originally a co-convened group between 5 NGOs and Department of Social Protection in 2016

Used European Commission Recommendation on Investing in Children: Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage

Whole-of-Government approach adopted and Advisory Council provided advice to Minister based on detailed paper and recommendations

Influenced decisions in subsequent Budgets relating to priority recommendations for children

Recently provided Minister with advice on used EU Child Guarantee to develop a detailed paper on actions to reduce child poverty in Ireland

Wider membership of Advisory Council now forms child poverty subgroup
Specific Alliance Work on Child Guarantee

- National conference October 2020
- National conference June 2021
- FAQs on Child Guarantee
Integrated working on food poverty

- Hot meals, food packages, income supports
- Changes at local and national policy level
- Focus on families with children under 6
- Food provision scheme
- Education and training
- Family support
- Wrap around services

Changes at local and national policy level

Focus on families with children under 6

Family support

Wrap around services

Education and training

Food provision scheme
Thank you all for listening!