

Title of Post	Project Worker - Young Parent Support Programme & Family Support
Location	South Region – Ennis, Co. Clare
Employment Type	Part Time (18.5 Hours Per Week) & Fixed Term Contract to end October 2028
Salary	€18,750 - €28,981 (Pro-rated salary for 18.5 hours)
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Closing Date	Tuesday, 3 rd February 2026 @5pm
Interview Date	TBC

Information Note

Name of Project: Barnardos Young Parent Support Programme and Family Support Ennis, Co.Clare

Location: Ennis, Co. Clare - South Region

Responsible to: YPSP Project Co Ordinator and Family Support Project Leader

Works with: Barnardos staff, service users and other agencies.

The Young Parents Support Programme is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union'.



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What is the Clare Young Parents Support Programme?

Barnardos, in partnership with Tusla, is setting up a new service that aims to support young parents and their families, across County Clare. The service is a response to the vulnerability of families headed by Young Parents and provides preventative support services for both the young parents and their children.

The Young Parents Support Programme is part of a National strategy, formerly known as The Teenage Parents Support Programme, (TPSP) now YPSP for short. It is a support service for vulnerable young mothers and fathers who are under 24 years of age, from pregnancy until their baby is 2 years of age.

The service objectives of the Clare YPSP

- Provide a needs-led, outcomes-focused service to young parents and their children
- Support young parents, especially mothers, to return to or remain in education or training
- Support the physical health, emotional well-being and the learning and development of the child and parent
- Work preventatively with at risk teens
- Work collaboratively with existing services in response to the needs of the young parents and their children and to identify gaps in services for teen parents in the area.

Who does the service work with?

In your role as a Project Worker, you will young parents (up to 24 years of age) and their children (up to 2 years of age), along with the wider family of the parent.

The service also works closely with many other community partners across County Clare including for example Tusla, Schools and Educational Supports, Youth Services, HSE services such as PHN and Maternity Hospitals.

Job Purpose

To develop and implement programmes that respond to the needs of children and families referred to the service working in partnership with families and other organisational, community and voluntary bodies.

Core Job Requirements

- Assess the needs of the children and the families engaging with the projects.
- Plan, implement and review programmes for children/young people/carers/families based on an assessment of their individual and group needs. This includes direct work through key working, group sessions, outreach, and centre-based activities, as well as advocacy at both individual and group level.
- To be vigilant for signs of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect and any concerns regarding the welfare of children. To record concerns promptly and accurately. To consult with the Designated Person and take appropriate action in accordance with Barnardos Child Protection policy.
- Work directly with children, young people, carers, and families through a range of approaches—including individual, group, family, centre-based, and outreach work—providing key working support where appropriate and advocating on their behalf to meet identified needs.
- Liaise effectively with families and other statutory, community and voluntary bodies and to attend and contribute to reviews and case conferences as required.
- Work in partnership with other Barnardos services to best meet the needs of children and families by collaborating resources with planned interventions targeting groups/families of shared need.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date records of all aspects of work, including the collection of statistical data, preparation of reports, and administration of relevant databases, in line with service requirements
- Identify and document to the line manager any unmet needs of children/young people/carers / families within the service and to participate in the advocacy work of the agency.

Requirements Specific to this Post

- Provide family support to children and families living in Co. Clare

Personal Attributes

- Commitment to the delivery of quality services to children, young people, families and carers.
- Ability to act on own initiative and consult where appropriate.
- Ability to work under pressure, make decisions in consultation with the line manager when appropriate.
- To be committed to adhering to best practice in the work and be innovative and open to change.
- Flexibility and adaptability are essential for this post.
- Ability to form objective relationships with children, young people, families/carers, colleagues and other agencies.

Experience

A minimum of 2 years' experience, comprising:

- 1 year post-qualification experience, and
- 1 year prior qualification experience working with vulnerable children and families

Qualifications

A recognised third level practice qualification¹ (minimum Level 7 on the QQI) in one of the following:

- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Social Care
- Education
- Social Work
- Youth Work
- Or related discipline (Psychology, Counselling or Nursing, etc.).

Applicants must be registered or eligible for registration with CORU as a Social Care Worker. This includes those currently in the process of registration under CORU's transitional arrangements (grandparenting route). Candidates who meet the eligibility criteria but have not yet completed registration are encouraged to apply. However, you will be required to provide proof of registration or evidence they have initiated the application process.

Full driving licence and access to the use of a suitably insured vehicle essential.

The post-holder is initially assigned to work as part of Barnardos Young Parents Support Programme in Ennis Co. Clare, but may be required in the future to work in other locations in line with organisational needs.

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