

Process Evaluation of the Tallaght West Childhood Development Initiative (CDI).

The Tallaght West Childhood Development Initiative was launched in 2005 with the aim of improving the health and well being of children and young people in the Tallaght West area. Taking as its starting point the CDI strategy *A Place for Children: Tallaght West*, the Initiative has commissioned a number of organisations to work together to deliver early childhood care and education services, a literacy and numeracy programme, a pro-social behaviour programme, a healthy school programme and a safety initiative and in partnership with other organisations in the area. In addition, the Initiative aims to promote the integration of services and enhance the collaborative experience of organisations in the locality. Working from the strategy, the process evaluation aims to examine

1. how the Initiative was established, including the development of its strategy;
2. how the Initiative involves members of the community in its services' design and implementation, as well as the Initiative more generally;
3. what work the Initiative undertakes to promote interagency collaboration and service integration in the locality;
4. how the Initiative works to promote and support managers and practitioners;
5. the extent to which CDI's learning is impacting on government thinking, policy making and curriculum development, and that those services which have been demonstrated to be successful have been sustained.

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