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CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Theresa Brady, Chairperson



On behalf of the Colin Sure Start Management Committee, I am pleased to present the annual report for 2019-20.

This annual report highlights the depth and breadth of the activities of the organisation. It has been a very busy year with the organisation delivering programmes, services or supports to a total of 7367 children, parents or families across the Colin area, as well as 1520 home visits in all our services. We celebrate some of these successes in the report.

This was a year which saw record attendances in a lot of our services, we recognise the increasing demand for many of our programmes and are seeking ways to meet this. We remain committed to working together and with our partners to achieve real and lasting change in the Colin area, highlighting Colin as a vibrant community where children's rights are respected and their childhood valued and promoted. We also continue to strive to be a listening organisation – seeking ways to involve families and children in decisions about how our services are delivered and acting on the views of those who use our services.

Being able to demonstrate the benefits of Colin Sure Start to a wider audience and showing the quality and outcomes of our programmes is something the project continues to strive towards and you will see this information reflected in the report. We are committed to using this information in a process or self-evaluation to continue to develop and shape our services going forward.

As a community-based project, Colin Sure Start continues to seek ways to work in partnership with local service providers to extend and compliment their work with families through providing information and support to help families access

local services and to sustain long term support and engagement. This has become especially important as the Covid-19 measures have had an impact on all the organisations working in the area – we have all had to adapt to new ways of working, but we need each other more than ever now. Partnership working, supporting each other and working together is how we will survive these current challenges.

We know the challenges that Covid-19, lockdown and ongoing restrictions are presenting for families with young children. It is having a significant impact on both children and parents, but we want to reassure you that we are still here for you and are as committed as ever to continuing our support. If there are suggestions or ideas that you have for ways to support you during this crisis we want to hear them and welcome the feedback of parents and our partner organisations.

I would also like to thank the Management Committee for continuing to provide strategic leadership to the project. Members of the Board have once again gone above and beyond the call of duty in supporting the project not just in regular meetings, but with a range of additional support including advice and recruitment. In particular I wish to welcome to the Board Mervyn Reid, who joined us this year. Mervyn is the Manager of New Colin Counselling and brings with him a wealth of experience in the fields of counselling and mental health.



PROJECT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

“ But if there is one thing you can say about the Colin Sure Start team it is that we are a creative and committed bunch and we have wasted no time in seeking to change our programmes and services to be able to continue to offer support to children and families when they needed it most during lockdown ”

Connected environments. This was the theme running through much of our work in the 2019 – 2020 year. When you get down to the level of a child and try to look at the world through their eyes, you begin to realise that while there are many different environments: the home, the wider family and their homes, the playgroup, the sports or dance club, the parent and toddler or crèche – these all have influence on the child and are connected. Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Theory highlights the connectedness and influence of these different environments and in this year we too sought to 'connect up' some of our services to recognise this and reinforce and support the idea of parents & carers as the first educators.

Our aim was to support whatever work we are doing in our groups and programmes with ongoing engagement and support to our parents and carers, so they had the resources, tools and knowledge to continue this in the home environment. As a parent myself, it's hard to know exactly what your child's experiences are like in school, nursery, after schools or other groups – to stay connected – and we all want to help and support our children in the best way we can as parents. So what did this look like? We began to integrate into our Parent and Toddler Groups, Drop-In groups and programmes some workshops, themed on specific areas of typical developmental challenges such as toilet training, behaviour management,

routines, 'dumping the dummy', fussy eating and more. This offered parents opportunities to discuss and share their own experiences, get practical advice and information, supporting an understanding of the principles and knowledge theory behind strategies that can work, and also follow on support for this on a one-to-one basis if needed. Our target for the year for some of these workshops was reached or exceeded, with 111% uptake in some cases, which is really encouraging and in many cases led to ongoing support with families to support children's development.

The year also presented us with challenges – the Colin area has experienced significant development in recent years and a trip around Poleglass, Twinbrook, Upper Dunmurry Lane and Lagmore/Mount Eagles would see you encountering numerous housing developments being added. It's exciting to see the development of some local parks too. We welcome the additional housing for families in the area with social housing capacity being a significant issue and we are welcoming more families with children aged 0-4 to our area! But as an organisation, we have had to adapt to meet the additional demand, as the numbers of families and children wishing to engage in our services increases and we want to support as many families as we can.

An example of this is our drop-in parent and toddler groups, which we exceeded target by



114%, averaging between 9-10 families for every session, with 5 running each week.

Our events including summer scheme activities, parents week and Christmas events again exceeded the targets by 141%, with a staggering 1510 attendances overall, which I believe is a fantastic testament to the commitment of families in the Colin area wanting to engage and give their children the best possible start in life! Over the course of the 19/20 year we worked with 859 families and 924 children on a regular basis.

The last quarter of the year from January to March was also marred by the spectre of Covid-19, which had already begun to affect our service delivery long before lockdown began on the 23rd March. But if there is one thing you can say about the Colin Sure Start team it is that we are a creative and committed bunch and we have wasted no time in seeking to change our programmes and services to be able to continue to offer support to children and families when they needed it most during lockdown.

We also continued working together with a range of local partners in the Colin area to provide a joined-up and coordinated service for parents including the Stewartstown Road Health Centre, Speech and Language Therapy services, Barnardos, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, Brook Activity Centre, Ionad na

Fuseoige, Footprints Women's Centre, Lagan Valley Education Project, Colin Family Centre, Lagmore Forum, Mount Eagles Community Association, the local nursery schools and many, many more. I have to give a special mention to Kevin Kingsmore from Brook Activity Centre who once again went above and beyond the call of duty as our Santa in this year. We also welcomed Mervyn Reid, from New Colin Counselling service on to our Board as a Director. Once again as Project Coordinator I would like to acknowledge and thank all the Colin Sure Start staff, the Directors, other agencies and organisations who have worked with Sure Start and particularly the families who use our services for their engagement and continued support throughout the year.

Roger
Project Coordinator





VISION

Colin Sure Start aims to reach out to families with children aged 0-4 years..... laying foundations, creating opportunities and working in partnership to give every child the best possible start in life.



MISSION

Our mission is to help each child in the Colin area to reach their full potential by providing support to families and high quality experiences to children during the critical early years from pre-birth up to age 4. We do this by empowering parents and carers with social and educational programmes, home support and opportunities to have positive interactions with their children. We also aim to provide an environment where children are valued and respected, where they can access quality play, and where they develop imagination and skills through interaction with peers.

OUR IMPACT IN THE COLIN COMMUNITY OUTPUTS

NEW CHILDREN
REGISTERED 19-20

357

NEW MOTHERS
REGISTERED 19-20

201

NEW FATHERS
REGISTERED 19-20

56

ANTENATAL MOTHERS
REGISTERED 19-20

44

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REGISTERED WITHIN SURE START

Number of
Children
registered



% uptake of
Children using
services



Number of
Mothers
registered



% uptake
of Mothers
using services



Number
of Fathers
registered



% uptake of
Fathers using
services



Number
of Families
registered



% uptake of
Families using
services



- **Delivered 2583** Sessions of programmes and activities.
- **18949** Attendances across programmes and activities, including;
- **93** Family events facilitated with **1510** people attending.
- **359** Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year olds sessions facilitated.
- **1826** Home Visits arranged, accessed – 81% access rate.
- **1738** Attendances across our Parent and Toddler Groups
- **433** Attendances at our popular Rhythm, Rhyme and Storytime.
- **343** Attendances at our Aquababes programmes.
- **108** Attendances at our Breastfeeding Support Group. (delivered in partnership with CNP).
- **8982** Resources given out to local families in need.
- **916** Signpostings.
- **155** Home Safety Checks.
- **76** Attendances at new Bookstart Corner.

OUR IMPACT IN THE COLIN COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

WEANING WORKSHOP December 2019

I have increased knowledge of weaning & infant nutrition.

100%

Strongly Agree

How likely are you to prepare your own baby food?

100%

Strongly Agree

SUMMER SENSORY SESSION July 2019

My child responded positively to the sensory play activities and I would try this again at home.

85%

Strongly Agree

10%
Agree

The activities offered at this programme provided opportunities for learning and communication with my child.

90%

Strongly Agree

10%
Agree

AQUABABES March 2019

The programme was a great opportunity for my child to develop coordination and physical skills

100%

Strongly Agree

After attending this programme I am more likely to continue to take my child swimming

90%

Strongly Agree

10%
Agree

BABY MASSAGE January 2020

I feel assured that I can perform a baby massage routine confidently & safely.

75%

Strongly Agree

25%

Agree

How likely are you to continue to practice baby massage at home?

75%

Strongly Agree

25%

Agree

ANTENATAL SERVICES October 2019

Information provided around pregnancy and labour helped alleviate stress & anxiety.

90%

Strongly Agree

10%

Neither agree or disagree

Would you agree that by attending Colin Sure Start's Antenatal services your physical, mental & social well-being improved?

95%

Agree

5%

Neither agree or disagree

SUMMER SCHEME FAMILY FUN EVENING – July 2019

There were opportunities at this event for me to meet & socialise with other local parents

83.5%

Strongly Agree

16.5%

Agree

At this event there were plenty of opportunities to interact and play with my child

75%

Strongly Agree

25%

Agree



Speech, Language and Communication is at the core of each and every service delivered by Colin Sure Start. Promoting speech, language and communication is key in all of our programmes enables children to grow into skilled communicators that have the ability to reach their full potential. The Speech and Language Therapy Team continue to work with each member of the Colin Sure Start Team and parents to make "Communication Everybody's Business"

vocabulary and instilling a love of language that will stay with the child as they develop and grow.

"His speech and language just kept getting better, even my granny and mum were noticing the difference"

Our Rhythm, Rhyme and Story Time groups are delivered weekly in two locations and continue to see great attendance. Children benefit so much from experiencing singing songs, listening to stories and playing instruments, especially when they are continued in the home environment. Each week has a different theme, introduces new songs, rhymes and stories, fostering new

The Speech and Language Therapy Team continue to provide invaluable support to the staff and children in our Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds. The WELCOMM Screen is used pre and post to measure and monitor the progress of the group over the year. This screen enables the Speech and Language Team in partnership with the staff to set individual goals for the



children as well as tracking progress relating to attending and listening, understanding of language, use of language, play skills and social communication. The team also provide vital support in our other programmes including Play2Learn and Little Rainbows.

Our “2 Rhymes by 2” messages continue to be rolled out to parents and carers attending the various programmes delivered by Colin Sure Start. This involves 12 key messages that help reinforce to parents how important their role is in the early years, supporting their child to become an effective communicator.

The Speech and Language Team are looking forward to what the new year brings and continue to be there to deliver vital speech and language programmes and advice to

enable families and staff to ensure that each child in our area has the opportunity to become a confident communicator.



DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR 2-3 YEAR OLDS

The Sure Start Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds is a play based programme that focuses on child lead activities which are reflective of the individual children participating in each programme. We aim to provide real experiences which ignite curiosity and promote development in the four key areas (physical, social & emotional, speech & language and exploring & thinking). Through creating a home from home environment we strive to provide a setting which is conducive to children's holistic development.

Interest in this programme has always been extremely high and this year was no different with 131 applications received for 48 places for the 19-20 academic year. We believe strongly in the positive impact that pre-preschool opportunities have on our children and families and in the 19-20 year this was evidenced through the children showing development in the key areas of personal, emotional and physical development throughout the year and meeting milestones. Through working in partnerships with the children and

of their home. During this time the teams were conscious of one approach not fitting all and used their knowledge and experience to put strategies in place which were suited to individual families.

At the heart of our Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds is the concept that the child's primary care giver is their first educator and should be acknowledged as a vital component to providing our 2 and 3 year olds with the best possible start in life. That's why parental engagement is at the core of everything we do from our home visits which take place once per term to our parental workshops and stay and plays. In this year we began to pilot a closer working between our staff in children's programmes and our Family Team, to better support parents in their own homes with strategies to extend the learning.

"I was so anxious about my wee ones starting the two year programme but the staff were amazing from the start"

families and many other professionals, staff supported children through the settling in process, which for many children is their first experience of being cared for outside



PLAY2LEARN

In response to the increased demand in the year we once again offered spaces on our additional programme 'Play2Learn'. Our 'Play2Learn' programme is offered in 2 of our venues, Lagmore and Lagan Valley, in 12 week blocks with 10 spaces in each. During this year we were able to provide these experience of being in a group based-setting and all the associated positive benefits to an additional 60 children over the academic year.

We believe strongly in the positive impact that pre-preschool opportunities have on our children and families and we worked hard during the 19-20 year to develop both the environments in our setting and improve our staff practice through training and development.

As a project we place emphasis on self-evaluation and continuous growth. Our self-evaluation process coupled with the feedback from our families continues to shape our Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds and Play2Learn groups. We continue to use this feedback to ensure that each programme is a true reflection of the Colin community and culture, and is a response to what our children and families need.

We will continue to reflect on each year, celebrating our children's achievements and developing our programmes. We aim to never become stagnant and ensure that we are always moving forward in partnership with our families to meet their needs and offer them the best possible start.



EARLY YEARS SERVICES

BABYTIME

Uninterrupted time with your baby is never something that should be taken for granted. Babies grow so quickly and it can seem that they move from milestone to milestone in an instant. BabyTime is suitable for parents and their baby aged 6 months to 1 year. It is a 6 week programme that allows parents to spend time bonding with their baby while supporting aspects of their development including curiosity, cognition, physical development, speech and language and socialisation. Each week has a different theme that provides a range of creative and sensory experiences which promote attachment and holistic development.

This year's BabyTime proved to be as popular as ever, with a total of 52 children attending over the year, parents feedback on how simple and creative the activities were and how they could recreate the play at home. The parents seemed to especially enjoy our lights and sensory sessions and the added taster sessions of Baby Yoga and Massage.



"The environment the staff create for the kids is so relaxed and welcoming."

AQUABABES

The part of a family's Sure Start Journey that marks the transition from baby to toddler is our Aquababes programme which is delivered by our Early Years team in conjunction with a qualified Aquababes instructor. This programme once again was able to achieve increased social interaction, gross motor skills, language development, confidence in the water and bonding through skin to skin contact as reported by parents, with 81 children attending over the



year. It also provides a unique opportunity for families to avail of the swimming pool and the health benefit of this for the parent as well as the child.

PARENT & TODDLER GROUPS

Our Parent & Toddler groups at Colin Sure Start offer amazing opportunities for children aged 0-4 & those that care for them within our catchment area, to spend time interacting with each other and forming friendships. Research has shown that the greatest impact on outcomes are when the learning from the Early Years environment is replicated in the home. We look at our Parent and Toddler services as parental engagement opportunities where care givers can spend focused time engaging in quality, uninterrupted play with their child, with the aim that the play opportunities we create and messages we promote will then be taken and put into practice in the home environment. These programmes are drop in services so no booking is required. We proudly facilitate five Parent and Toddler groups each week which enables us to provide high quality play experiences in as many areas as possible. We advocate that Parent and Toddler's facilitate play opportunities for children from birth to preschool and include the wider family circle including parents, grandparents, childminders or anyone deemed a significant adult in the child's life.

Over the 19-20 year, 450 children attended

"Fantastic! Really enjoyed getting the kids to all the activities and tried to encourage more child led fun at home."

our Parent and Toddler groups. Due to the increasing demand we continue to look at additional venues and spaces and ways to increase capacity.



It's not just the numbers that matter though. The feedback we receive from families about the environment we create, the dedication of our staff and the opportunities parent and toddler groups provide is evidence of how vital this service is. Natural conversation and the relationships built during these sessions has led to dental registrations, health promotion, referrals to relevant external services and 1 to 1 family support. This service is not just about play opportunities but about providing an open door to peer support, professional advice and better outcomes.



CRÈCHE FACILITATION

Using crèche as part of participating in our other programmes and services can be the first opportunity a child has to interact with their peers. It may also be the first time the child is being cared for by someone outside of their immediate family. Colin Sure Start sees great opportunity in this service as it give us the chance to make the first separation between child and parent to be a positive experience that will ease the transition into other Early Years services such as Developmental Programme for 2-3 Year Olds or Nursery.

Our crèches are carefully planned with the aim of promoting the key areas of development outlined by the Birth to Three Matters Framework. They enable our families to engage in our parent programmes that ultimately will support more positive outcomes for children and families. This year the Early Years team provided crèche facilities for Cook it, Incredible Years, First Aid, Weaning Workshops and Zumba to name a few.



"The staff are always so professional and personable."

PLAY & GROW

When supporting children and families responsiveness to need is key. Ever reflecting on the needs of our families over the past year it was evident that we needed to create a targeted programme specifically for families with children with additional needs. To meet this growing need our Early Learning Coordinator and Speech and Language Therapist set about designing 'Play & Grow' which would become our parental programme for children with additional needs.

Play & Grow is an 8 week programme for parent/carers and their child to come together to gain both knowledge and practical ideas on how to encourage their child's development. It is specifically designed for families who have concerns about their child's development in areas such as speech and language, physical development, attention & listening, behaviour and social interactions.

The programme is comprised of play and structured activities for the children as well as opportunities for parents to come together with sure start team members to learn more about development and how they can use this knowledge to plan goals for their children. Each week has a specific objective and participants are provided with take home resources which enables the learning to be put into practice at home and for the impact to be fed back the following week. This cycle of facilitation, supported practice, implementation and reflection aims to have long lasting effects on the parent and child therefore promoting more positive outcomes.

In January 2020 Play & Grow was delivered for the first time, although cut short due to COVID-19. This programme saw 6 parents

along with their child engaging in our pilot programme with the aim of supporting their child's individual developmental needs. Feedback from the families has been extremely encouraging. Parents indicated that the model of delivery helped boost their confidence as they could practice the strategy with support before carrying it out in the home environment. One parent said that the programme helped them to look at their child's behaviours from a different perspective and start to see the impact of their own reactions.

We look forward to the next opportunity for delivery with referrals for this service continuing since being rolled out in January. We look forward to the opportunities for partnerships this programme brings and will continue to evaluate its effectiveness and tailor it to the families in our area.

'The feedback I received each day about my child showed me how in tune the staff are with the children'

"Brilliant bonding time for me and my son, it also helped to relax and calm him"

'Thank you so much for being an amazing friend and the best support for me. You have honestly helped me get by when I have been at my lowest. You have taught me things I never knew. I will be forever grateful for all you've done and for your friendship. You have helped make me into the strong woman I've become'



FAMILY SERVICES

The
**Incredible
Years**



Throughout 2019-2020, the experienced Family Team staff continued to offer the families within the Colin area both home-based and telephone-based support in key areas of their child's development including weaning, behaviour management, baby massage, potty training, establishing routines and speech & language support. The team supported 204 families throughout 19-20 and carried out 834 home visits and reached 87 families through 126 telephone calls or our 1-1 services.

Each family received a structured period of support that was individually tailored to their needs and included input from other health professionals including health visiting, speech & language and additional needs. During this year, the family support team worked alongside the Early Years Supervisors within the programmes to deliver workshops on routines, supporting play & behaviour management.

This partnership will continue into 20-21. Families in Colin continued to benefit from our Home Safety Check service carried out by RoSPA trained Sure Start staff. In 2019-2020, 155 Home Safety Checks were completed alongside the facilitation of 5 Health & Safety Workshops reaching 31 families who benefited from home safety advice and resources. With the increase of families moving into the area from an Ethnic Minority background, Colin Sure Start has ensured that these families, also continue to be supported.



ADDITIONAL NEEDS



In 2019-2020 the Colin Sure Start Additional Needs Service remained an important service to our families within the Colin area. Staff continued to provide ongoing support through the Little Rainbows and Learning Tree Groups and home based Support.

This year our Speech and Language Therapist introduced a new method into our programmes for children with additional needs called "Attention Autism".

This method enabled our additional needs team to use specific resources as

part of a small group activity to promote joint attention and develop the children's ability to focus.

"I felt obliged to make a video about the programme with my feedback because of how good the staff were to my children and the impact they had"

HEALTH & WELLBEING



Colin Sure Start Family Team have also delivered a number of key programmes throughout 2019-2020 that focused on the development of the parent-child relationship and opportunities for health and well-being. Our 0-1 journey has proven very successful with families engaging in

“Good programme, enjoyed the games and sharing experiences with others”

up to 8 programmes within their child's first year!! For example, we had planned to deliver 24 sessions of Baby Massage, we delivered 34 in total reaching 69 families resulting in 177 attendances. We also built on the relationship between the antenatal and postnatal periods with parents beginning their journey with Colin Sure Start during the antenatal period and continuing onwards with us once their baby had arrived. The secondment of a Health Visitor into our team has played a pivotal role in this success. Colin Sure Start in partnership with Colin Early Parent Programme have continued to support our

breastfeeding mums within the Colin area as well as within the South Eastern Trust area through our weekly Breastfeeding support Group. We facilitated 48 sessions of this group in 2019-2020. Colin Sure Start also offers breastfeeding support home visits and telephone calls and has received unwavering support from our Health Visitors and Midwives. Finally, our work on Physical Activity promotes both physical and mental well being. Working in Partnership we were able to deliver Pramastics, Mum & Baby Circuits, Zumba and Personal Training accumulating in 30 sessions throughout 2019-2020 with 135 attendances.



FATHER'S SERVICES

Father's services continued to offer support to fathers and male carers in the Colin area throughout 2019 – 2020. Colin Sure Start has been able to continue with service provision including Aquadads and Men's Events. Throughout 2019- 2020 we held 6 events including Parents Week, Christmas , Men's Health Week and our popular Fathers Day BBQ Event in Colin Allotments. In total we achieved 35 attendances across these events. Telephone contact and support has also exceeded target set and reaching 79. Fathers Support is progressing well and value being put on the importance of a male influence, especially dads and grandads within a child's ongoing development. Moving forward, the service will continue

to reach out and support dads within the Colin area.



ANTENATAL SERVICES



Colin Sure Start continued to offer antenatal mums and dads support and groups during the antenatal period in 2019 – 2020.

We continued to build on the successes of the previous years antenatal provision and introduced a new programme – Antenatal Yoga. Across our Antenatal Support Group,

Clinics, Massage and Swim were delivered 29 sessions with 60 total attendances. We exceeded our target in Antenatal Home Visits reaching 35 mums. This service has been progressing well each year and with the secondment of a Health Visitor to the team has added value to existing services.

CASE STUDY



When supporting children and families Colin Sure Start believes that the best service is a wraparound service that focuses on the family unit in its entirety. We know children learn and develop through the opportunities we provide but we also advocate that reinforcing messages and learning in the home is what makes the longest lasting impact. One of our families is a shining example of where a Sure Start Journey can begin and where it can take you when each service unites to support individual needs.

This family began by attending Mum and Baby Circuits and BabyTime. From there moved into Incredible Babies and Big Cook Wee Cook. The mum and baby began to develop such a trusting relationship with the teams that dad then came on board and took part in Aquadads. As their little boy developed from a baby to a toddler mum engaged in "Cook it" and Book Start Corner with our Sure Start Speech and Language Therapy team. From engaging with our Speech and Language Therapist and having trust in the Colin Sure Start Team mum expressed her concerns about her child's development. She recognised how difficult he found larger group activities and how distressing it was becoming for him in a group setting. As time progressed mum recognised that her child wasn't meeting his milestones and needed some support with his speech and language. From here mum was encouraged to engage in home support with a member of our Family Support Team with an Additional Needs Focus.

During home support mum was provided with targeted play activities to support her child's individual developmental needs. With added input from our Speech and Language team mum was provided with targeted speech and language focused activities which she could carry out at home. Mum was encouraged to speak to her GP which resulted in her child being referred to the relevant professionals who could support the family and their needs.

When Colin Sure Start rolled out the Play & Grow Programme targeted specifically to children with additional needs mum agreed to join. The programme aimed to provide information and practical support to the families which they would then put in practice in the setting with the support of the Sure Start Team and then continue in the home environment. Through this programme, mum and dad communicated more and were able to share the information and make a decision that Little Rainbows would be the best place to support their child's development.

This little boy has developed from being non-verbal to being capable of repeating language and using some spontaneous verbal communication. He has progressed socially and seeks to share his experiences. Mum and Dad have both expressed how much progress he has made and how opening up conversation between them as a couple has allowed them to ensure that their child is being given as many opportunities as possible to reach his full potential. Dad commented that at first he found it difficult to come to terms that his little boy needed some extra support but having people who were approachable made the process easier to make sense of. Dad joined mum in an additional needs question and answer with the Speech and Language Therapist and Early Learning Coordinator which he felt helped him to voice his views.

The family continue to engage in Sure Start services with the little boy beginning the Little Rainbows programme and mum and dad both taking part in the parental engagement aspects of the programme. Looking at this family's journey it is clear to see that the Colin Sure Start team strive for true collaboration which here has resulted in a family enjoying a fulfilled Sure Start Journey as unique to their needs as every child we meet.



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FUNDED PARTNERS

In 2017 Colin Sure Start funded a number of local partners to help us to deliver core services in the Colin area. We would like to thank these partners for their continued

cooperation and dedication in delivering early year's services in the Colin vicinity.

THESE FUNDED PARTNERS ARE:

IONAD NA FUISEOIGE

Colin Sure Start provided funding to assist Ionad Na Fuisgeoige to deliver a Developmental Programme for 2 to 3 Year Olds and also morning and afternoon crèche services.

SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST – SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY SERVICE

Colin Sure Start provided funding to assist the SEHSCT in delivering various early year's speech & language services in the Colin area. These services included the early identification, intervention and prevention screening in the Developmental Programme for 2 to 3 Years Olds, Rhythm Rhyme and Storytime and other early years services.

BARNARDO'S TRAVELLERS EARLY YEAR'S SERVICE

Colin Sure Start provided funding to assist Barnardo's in delivering their Traveller Early Year's Services in the area. This included one to one support, sessional day care, parent programmes and media initiative training / cultural awareness sessions to nursery units.

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- CHILDREN IN NORTHERN IRELAND
- CHURCH OF THE VINEYARD FOOD BANK
- SOUTH / WEST BELFAST FOOD BANK
- LAGANVALLEY EDUCATION PROJECT
- CASH FOR KIDS
- PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY
- SAVE THE CHILDREN
- MOUNT EAGLES COMMUNITY FORUM
- FOOTPRINTS WOMEN'S CENTRE
- BUSY BEE FRUIT & VEG
- BELFAST CITY COUNCIL
- HOUSING EXECUTIVE
- SUPERVALU
- AMH – NEW COLIN COUNSELLING
- COLIN FAMILY CENTRE
- BROOKE LEISURE CENTRE
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- PARENTING NI
- LYNN DRAKE ACCOUNTANTS
- COLIN EARLY PARENTING PROGRAMME
- DEPAUL, IRELAND
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- ORLA MCCABE- GROBRAIN
- NIKKI MCMILLEN – TRIBAL FITNESS
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