

Survey ELC Providers

Survey about new ELC programmes

* Indicates required question

1. What county do you work in? *

Mark only one oval.

- Carlow
- Cavan
- Clare
- Cork
- Donegal
- Dublin
- Galway
- Kerry
- Kildare
- Kilkenny
- Laois
- Leitrim
- Limerick
- Longford
- Louth
- Mayo
- Meath
- Monaghan
- Offaly
- Roscommon
- Sligo
- Tipperary
- Waterford
- Westmeath
- Wexford
- Wicklow

2. What is your current role?

Mark only one oval.

- Centre Manager
- Deputy Manager
- Room leader
- Childcare practitioner
- Childcare Assistant
- Student placement
- Child-minder in own or someone else's home
- Other: _____

3. In which of these Early Years settings do you work?

Mark only one oval.

- Private
- Community Based
- Other: _____

4. Which curriculum is used in your early years setting?

5. Provide an estimate of the number of children cared for in your early years facility

6. Specify the nature of the services offered by your early years establishment (select as many options relevant to you)

Tick all that apply.

- Full day care
- Part time care
- Sessional care
- Afterschool
- Breakfast club
- Drop in / Occasional
- Other: _____

7. Which age group of children do you primarily work with?

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- 0 -12 months
- 13 – 24 months
- 25 - 36 months
- 3 - 5 (pre-school)
- Other: _____

8. Do you believe its important for prospective childcare practitioners to gain experience with different age groups of children?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

9. What do you find is the biggest challenge in supporting children's educational development in the early years sector?

10. What is the full title of your highest qualification in early childhood care and education (e.g. Level 5 Certificate / Level 6 Certificate / Degree /Masters / PhD. in Early Childhood Care and Education)?

11. How long did your programme take to complete?

12. Did you attend your programme on a part-time or full-time basis?

Mark only one oval.

Part-time

Full-time

13. How was the programme delivered?

Mark only one oval.

Classroom based

Online

Blend of Classroom and Online

14. Can you give some examples of things you learned during your programme that you use regularly in your career.

15. Did your education and training provider offer any provision for Recognition of Prior Learning?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

16. What was your main motivation for pursuing this qualification?

17. In your experience, does a level 6 course in ELC prepare practitioners well enough to work in an ELC setting

Mark only one oval.

- No
- Yes
- I don't know

18. How well did your education and training programme prepare you for each area:

Mark only one oval per row.

	Not relevant to me	Not at all	Not well	Well	Very well
Child Development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education and Play	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health and Wellbeing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social Environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Personal Professional Development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communication, Management and Administration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diversity, equality and inclusivity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Applying theory to practice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. What part of the programme do you think benefitted you the most in terms of how it was delivered and encouraged your learning?

20. Did your programme involve a student placement in an early years setting (practicum)?

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

21. If your last answer was 'yes', do you think the student placement was a valuable part of your learning

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Other: _____

22. If you answered 'yes' to attending student placement, to what extent were you supported by your education and training provider during your student placement?

Mark only one oval.

Not supported at all

1

2

3

4

5

Very well supported

23. If you answered 'yes' to attending student placement, to what extent were you supported by the early years setting(s) where you spent your student placement

Mark only one oval.

Not supported at all

1

2

3

4

5

Very well supported

24. Based on the above two questions about support while on placement, is there anything else in terms of support that would have helped you while you were working? (by programme provider and/or ELC setting)

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