

Title of Post	Project Worker, Family Support, Wexford
Location	Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.
Employment Type	Full-Time (37 hours per week) and Specific Purpose Contract (Maternity Leave Cover)
Salary	€38,248 - €59,121 DOE
Contact Person	Harry O'Neill on 053 923 6342 / harry.oneill@barnardos.ie
Closing Date	Tuesday, 23 rd June 2026
Interview Date(s)	TBC

What does our Wexford service do?

Barnardos has been delivering services in County Wexford since 2002.

We currently offer two services mainly in the North Wexford area, and a Parent's Hub for whole county.

Our family support service takes referrals from Tusla system, which are deemed suitable for a welfare response, as well as self-referrals to help families meet the needs of children. There is a focus on using brief intervention approaches where possible.

Service interventions aim to stabilise the family situation, promote children's development, reduce risk from harm and promote the best quality of care in the family, thereby reducing the likelihood of the family requiring intervention from the Social Work Child Protection System.

The interventions offered by the Project include:

- Assessment of the needs of the child and family
- Brief interventions
- Partnership with Parents- Barnardos one to one targeted programme for young parents
- Practical Family Support
- Crisis Management
- Parent - child work: to enhance the parent / child relationship.
- Family Work: to enhance positive interactions, problem solving strategies and communication as a family.
- Meitheal - full delivery of the Tusla Meitheal Programme.

We also provide a Young Parent Support Programme for pregnant and teenage parents under the national YPSP initiative. Referrals can come from a wide range of professionals as well as self-referrals.

In addition to the range of family support services outlined above, we also provide **Group work parenting support**- focusing on improving parenting, reducing social isolation and specific needs led groups for young parents.

Project Worker

Job Description

Post:	Project Worker
Location:	Enniscorthy and North Wexford
Responsible to:	Project Leader
Works with:	Service users, other staff, service users and external agencies.

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. There will be a focus on implementing programmes of support with children and young people where there is a risk of the child not reaching their educational potential as well as family support referrals and a young parent support service in Wexford.

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

- Respond to the needs of children, young people and where there are risks of a child not reaching their educational potential
- Respond to the needs of young parents and their children up to 2.5 years

Note: This Job Description will be reviewed and updated in line with the needs of the work

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Person Specification

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 of 1-year post-qualification experience, and 1 year of relevant, equivalent prior qualification experience of working with vulnerable children and families may be considered.
- Experience of working in partnership with families and carers
- Experience of planning, implementing and reviewing programmes with children and/or families
- Experience of working with young parents
- Experience of working with children/ young people with school completion difficulties and their 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.)

¹ Course content should include relevant student placements

Note: this list can be varied depending on the specific requests of the post.

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

Applicants with a Social Care or Social Work qualification must be registered with CORU as a Social Care Worker or Social Worker respectively.

Those eligible for CORU registration who are currently in the process of registration through their qualification, or under CORU's transitional arrangements (grandparenting route), will be required to provide evidence that this in process.

The post-holder is initially assigned to work in the Wexford Family Support service, Enniscorthy but may be required in the future to work in other locations in the Wexford area in line with Organisational needs.

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