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Project Case Study: Multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences

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Cross-Border Health & Social Care

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€5,010,241.11

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LEAD PARTNER:

Health Service Executive

PROJECT PARTNERS

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Start Date: 01/01/2017

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The Multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences (MACE) Project represents an exciting opportunity to develop a new approach to engaging families with children aged 0-3 and 11-13 who are at risk of not achieving their full potential. The MACE Project will identify and engage 3,125 families and provide early intervention and nurturing supports within their own homes and communities on a cross-border basis.

Five Trauma Informed Cross-Border Networks of Excellence will be created to share best practice, knowledge and learning to enhance cross-border cooperation during and after the project.

"Prevention and early intervention are critical to the reduction of trauma in the lives of vulnerable children. This EU-funded programme, which crosses many sectors, is a strong step in the identification of and support for such children and their families. By working together in structured multi-agency projects, we can provide valuable interventions to address difficulties and improve the well-being of those who have had adverse childhood experiences."

~Éimear Fisher, Assistant Secretary at the Department of Children and Youth Affairs~



Pictured at the MACE Project launch and conference are Irene Smith, Sectoral Manager, North South Ministerial Council; Alasdair MacInnes, Head of Child Protection Unit, Dept of Health, Northern Ireland; Bernie McCrory, Chief Officer, CAWT and Eimear Fisher, Assistant Secretary, Child Policy and TUSLA Governance Division, Dept of Children & Youth Affairs.



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The project aims to transform the lives of vulnerable children and their families who are most at risk from a range of challenges and difficulties in their lives, by identifying, intervening early and providing nurturing and support within their own homes and communities on a cross-border basis. The project is being managed jointly by the CAWT Partnership and TUSLA (the Child and Family Agency).

“This project, with assistance from the EU’s INTERREG VA programme, will harness the strengths of communities and services on both sides of the border and should lead to better outcomes for families and children.”

~Alasdair MacInnes, Head of Child Protection Unit, ~



Mark Feeney, Director, Managing Authority, SEUPB chats with the members of the Young Person’s Panel, part of the recent cross border CAWT EU INTERREG VA MACE Project launch and conference (l to r): John Brattin from Derry City, Mark Feeney, SEUPB; Finn O’Farrell from Monaghan and Kaylem Toner from Galway.

Project Key Outputs:

- **A cross-border area framework for early intervention with vulnerable families: 2**
- **Vulnerable families in receipt of an intervention: 5,000**
- **Specialist training and development programmes for cross-border area health and social care providers (Staff Trained): 3,800**