

**Invitation to *Informing Policy through Research and Evidence: Learning's from the Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative and Growing Up in Ireland – A Roundtable Discussion***

**Date: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**Time: 9.00am-1.30pm**

**Venue: Economic and Social Research Institute, Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2**

***Growing Up In Ireland*** and the **Centre for Effective Services** is inviting a select group of decision makers to a roundtable discussion on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 to discuss the evidence and data emerging from both the *Growing up In Ireland* study and the *Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative (PEII)*.

The purpose of this specialized event is to consider the collective data from these two sources, specifically on what is known about **parenting and children's learning**. It will be opened by Minister Frances Fitzgerald, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs and aims to enhance and develop the dialogue between research output and practice with a view to influencing policy as well as the design and delivery of child and family services in Ireland. By bringing researchers, policy makers and practitioners together, the discussion will allow attendees to consider the implications of this collective learning in the context of future policy and service developments. Held under Chatham House Rules, the Roundtable will consist of a mix of plenary contributions, panel and facilitated discussion.

Time	Content	Speakers
9.00am	Introductions and welcome	Frances Ruane (ESRI)
9.15am	Opening Address	Minister Frances Fitzgerald
9.30am	Background and Structure of the event	Nuala Doherty (CES)
9.45am	Knowledge to action – models of evidence-informed policy making	Peter Lunn (ESRI)
10.00am	Parenting – what do we know	James Williams (GUI) and Stella Owens (CES)
10.45am	Children's Learning – what do we know	Helga Sneddon (CES) and Mark Morgan (GUI)
11.30am	Coffee	
12.00	Facilitated Discussion	Facilitated by Professor Tony Fahey (UCD)
1pm	Close	Closed by Jim Breslin (Department of Children and Youth Affairs) and Sean O'Foghlu (Department of Education and Skills)

