

NEWSLETTER

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Information for Young Parents in Education

The new edition of *Information for Young Parents in Education* is now available thanks to a grant received from the Crisis Pregnancy Agency.

This new edition has been expanded on the previous one and there is now a separate section on *Financial Supports for Higher Education*. Other contents include a list of Youth Cafés, Young Parents Programmes, General Financial Supports, Back to Education/Training, Childcare and a list of

useful organisations. For pregnant students attention is also drawn to the *Home Tuition Scheme* and *Exams during Labour*.

With the approaching school year this publication will be useful to young parents who are considering entering or re-entering education.

Our experience of working with young parents is that they are most anxious to be the best providers they can be for their families and are keen to increase their employment possibilities. The publication aims to assist them in this.

The booklet is available free of charge from Treoir, info@treoir.ie, LoCall: 1890 252 084 or 01 - 6700 120. It can also be downloaded from www.treoir.ie in the publications section.

Student Parent Co-Ordinator in Mary Immaculate College in Limerick.

Nicola Hurley is the Student Parent Co-Ordinator in Mary Immaculate College in Limerick. This is a 3 year pilot project which is being funded by the Crisis Pregnancy Agency and it is the first of its kind in terms of pregnancy and parenting support at third level.

In a nutshell, through the provision of practical information and emotional support, Nicola is the first point of contact for students in the College experiencing crisis pregnancy, and student parents, in the event of them experiencing difficulties in any area of student life. Nicola also does pre-entry work with student parents, in terms of organising childcare or helping them with any queries they may have prior to commencing college in September.

Nicola's role includes:

- To be the first point of contact for student parents
- To offer support & information to student parents
- Availability on a one-to-one basis to support student parents and those experiencing crisis pregnancy to ensure that the best possible regime is put in place to assist them in their course of study in the College
- The provision of assistance in the organisation of living accommodation & childcare for students and their children
- To ensure that student parents are receiving their correct social welfare entitlements and any other supports which they may need.

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