### **Young Parents**

# The Teen Parents Support Programme (TPSP)

Treoir co-ordinates the TPSP nationally. The TPSP is a support service for young mothers, young fathers and their families. It is free and confidential. The service is available in 11 locations around the country.

**National Co-ordinator TPSP** 

Tel: 087 2518 428

E-mail:

tpsp@treoir.ie www.tpsp.ie

## Kinship Care

Treoir hosts a new national project, Kinship Care Ireland (KCI) which is the only body in Ireland specifically working with kinship families. KCI aims to promote the recognition, rights and entitlements of children, young people and families in kinship care, through the provision of information, supports, services and advocacy for systems and legislative change.

#### **Contact Details:**

Phone: 087 1487124

Email: info@kinshipcare.ie

www.kinship.care.ie

## Membership

Membership of **Treoir** is open to agencies that provide services to unmarried parents and their children and that support the principles of **Treoir**.

**Treoir** has a wide and diverse membership base that includes relevant specialist agencies, maternity hospitals, adoption services and diverse community and local projects.

Our membership is fundamental in shaping the work, policies and strategies of **Treoir**. In turn **Treoir** offers useful support and a range of benefits to members including:

- Facilitating networking and information sharing opportunities
- Regular members' meetings on pertinent topics
- 'It says in the papers today': a daily email providing links to relevant articles in the national newspapers
- A wide range of publications
- Participating in the formulation of Treoir policies to promote the rights and best interests of unmarried parents and their children in Ireland
- Opportunity to become a Member of Council

For more information on membership seethe 'about' section on our website.

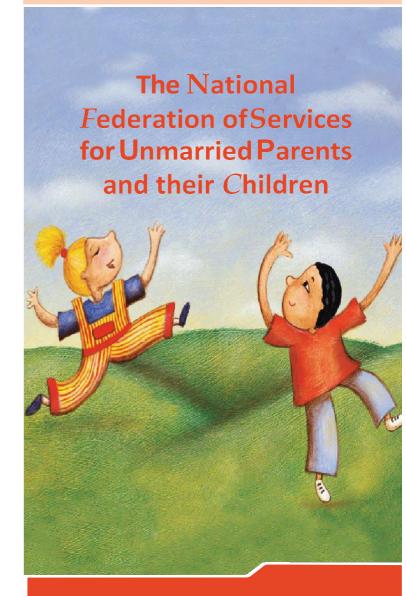
Contact <u>sam@treoir.ie</u> Tel: 085 2575350 if you are interested in becoming a member.

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**Treoir** promotes the rights and best interests of unmarried parents and their children through providing specialist information and advocating for their rights.

**Treoir** is a non-governmental membership organisation funded by the HSE, the HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme, Citizens Information Board, TUSLA, POBAL, government departments and others.



**Treoir** recognises the diversity of family life in Ireland.

**Treoir** recognises that all families, including unmarried families, have a right to respect, care, support, protection and recognition.

**Treoir** supports and promotesthe rights of all children as outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**Treoir** believes that all children have a right to know, be loved and cared for by both parents, where possible.

## National Specialist Information Service

#### **Information Centre**

**Treoir** provides a free, confidential, specialist information service for unmarried parents, their extended families and those working with them.

Our service is for unmarried parents, living together or apart, both opposite and same-sex.

#### Information is available on -

Legal Issues: guardianship, access, custody, birth registration, passports, cohabiting parents etc.

Social Welfare: One-Parent Family Payment, Rent

Supplement, welfare to work etc.

Parenting: the importance of both parents in the lives of their children, maintaining contact with the non-resident parent, talking to children about the other parent, etc.

Other Issues: income tax, childcare, housing, cohabitants' rights, etc.

Contact us on 01-6700 120, info@treoir.ie or make an appointment to call in (address overleaf).

#### **Outreach**

**Treoir** offers workshops on legal issues (such as custody, access, guardianship, maintenance), social welfare, shared parenting etc. to groups of unmarried parents and to groups of workers who provide services to unmarried parents. Workshops can be tailored to the individual needs of a particular group.

## Advocating for the rights of unmarried parents

**Treoir** makes representations to government departments and other relevant bodies for changes to the Irish Constitution, legislation and in services to improve the rights and welfare of unmarried families in Ireland.

#### **Publications**

- *Information Pack for unmarried parents*
- Cohabitants (legal rights and obligations for opposite and same-sex couples)
- Being there for them (for grandparents)
- Family Links steps and stages (shared parenting and talking to a child about the other parent
- Young Dad's Booklet

#### Information leaflets:

- Access and custody
- Birth Registration
- Cohabiting parents
- Establishing paternity
- Explaining Family Relationships
- Guardianship
- International Child Abduction
- Maintenance of Children
- Passports
- Shared parenting
- Step-parent adoption
- Unmarried Fathers

#### **Bulletin**

Latest news and updates for those working with unmarried parents. Email usat info @treoir.ie to receive the Treoir e-Bulletin.

#### Website

All publications are available to download from www.treoir.ie or on request from info @treoir.ie

Donations towards postage are very welcome.