



## ***Research and Guidance Launch*** **Inter-agency Working in Children's Services**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009**  
**10.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**  
**Gresham Hotel, Dublin**

This event will communicate the results of a series of research projects on **inter-agency working in children's services** commissioned by the CAAB.

**Experiences and Views of Professionals**  
**A Research Literature Analysis**  
**Organisational Case Studies**

The CAAB **Guidance to Support Effective Inter-agency Working Across Irish Children's Services** will also be introduced.

### **Web-conference — Free**

The Children Acts Advisory Board will provide a live online broadcast of the launch.

**A computer with internet connection will be required.**

The conference may be viewed either individually or in groups.

### **Attend the event — Free**

If you would like to attend this event at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin please contact Anne-Marie Campbell before Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2009 at:

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Early booking to attend this event is advisable.

Relevant reports for this series of research will be available to download at [www.caab.ie](http://www.caab.ie) before the event.

**You must pre-register in order to view this live web-conference.**  
**For instructions on how to do this please visit our website**  
**[www.caab.ie](http://www.caab.ie)**



## Synopsis of Reports

### Inter-agency Co-operation in Children's Services in Ireland: The Views of Some Stakeholders

As part of our 2008 Network Seminars the CAAB undertook a consultation process with professionals working in children's services. This report focuses on stakeholders' experiences of inter-agency co-operation and on their views on future requirements to enable better inter-agency co-operation. A total of 12 focus groups were held, with more than 100 participants.

### An Analysis of Research Literature on Inter-agency Co-operation in Children's Services

This project involved an analysis of research literature on inter-agency co-operation focusing on three main areas: international literature, previous Irish public sector literature and literature on inter-agency co-operation in children's services in Ireland.

### Organisational Case Studies of Inter-agency Co-operation in the Delivery of Children's Services

This study focused on six case studies (three Irish: Londubh Project, The Ballymun Network for Assisting Children and Young People and Southill Youth Forum and three international: Minnesota Child Protection Services, Miami-Dade Juvenile Assessment Centre and Every Child Matters UK) of inter-agency co-operation in the delivery of children's services. The overall objective of this study was to produce a number of organisational case studies illustrating examples of inter-agency co-operation in the delivery of services to vulnerable children and to identify key findings across all six case studies in terms of motivations, approaches, benefits and lessons.

### Guidance to Support Effective Inter-agency Working Across Irish Children's Services

The purpose of this document is to provide a succinct but comprehensive, evidence based, guidance to support effective inter-agency working across Irish children's services.

## Programme

10.15 a.m.	Open live web-conference for testing	
10.30 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction	<b>Dr Dermot Stokes</b> , National Coordinator Youthreach and Chairman CAAB Research Committee
10.40 a.m.	Inter-agency Co-operation in Children's Services in Ireland: The Views of Some Stakeholders	<b>Finbar McDonnell</b> , Senior Consultant, Hibernian Consulting
10.50 a.m.	An Analysis of Research Literature on Inter-agency Co-operation in Children's Services (authored by Carmel Duggan and Carmel Corrigan)	<b>Robert Murphy</b> , Head of Research and Information, CAAB
11.00 a.m.	Organisational Case Studies of Inter-agency Co-operation in the Delivery of Children's Services (authored by Mary Rafferty and Anne Colgan)	<b>Anne Colgan</b> , Colgan & Associates
11.25 a.m.	Guidance to Support Effective Inter-agency Working Across Irish Children's Services	<b>Robert Murphy</b> , Head of Research and Information, CAAB
11.50 a.m.	Audience Q & A (via venue and web)	
12.30 p.m.	Close	<b>Aidan Browne</b> , Chief Executive, CAAB