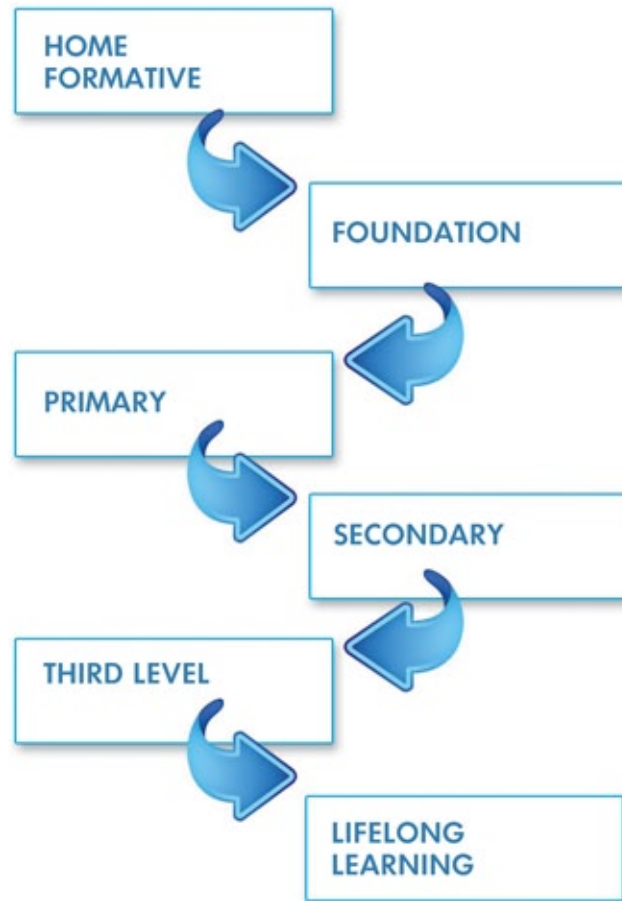


## Continuum of Care & Education Framework



The lifelong learning journey of a child begins at birth & is supported by the parents as the primary educators of their children. Professionals in partnership with parents provide a continuum of care & education for the child. The period from birth to 6 years is the most important time for a child when the foundations for well-being, development & lifelong learning are laid.



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## Our Mission

To Be The Representative Body For Childhood Professionals In Ireland

## Our Aims

- ✳ Be the collective identity and represent the voice of childhood professionals
- ✳ Promote and engage active membership
- ✳ Advocate and seek support for the initial training and continuing professional development of childhood professionals
- ✳ Advocate and campaign for professional status and equitable pay and work conditions
- ✳ Raise awareness of the value and contribution made by the childhood professional to the lives of children, families and society as a whole



## Our Values

Solidarity, Equity, Equality, Democracy, Empowerment, Honesty, Openness, Self-responsibility, Self-help, Social Responsibility & caring for others

## Who Can Join?

Childhood Professionals including employers and employees in community, home based and private settings.

Childcare Tutors, Trainers, Lecturers, Researchers and Policy Makers.

Mentors, Consultants, Support and Development personnel in the childcare sector.

Early Years Students, including Early Years Practitioners who are currently in accredited training.

## Requirements for Joining

Minimum qualification of FETAC Level 5 Childcare or it's equivalent

Commitment to attending 40 hours per year of Continuing Professional Development

Signing up to a code of ethics & adhering to best practice

Payment of membership fee.



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## Key Messages

The Association of Childhood Professionals works to ensure that childhood professionals are an integral part of early years & after school provision in Ireland and as such must be a part of all processes where childcare is discussed, planned & decided

Childhood Professionals through their knowledge, practice & values, in partnership with parents, provide for the foundation care & education of our youngest citizens.

Professional development & equitable pay & conditions for Childhood Professionals must be supported by a formalised system.

Children benefit most from quality experiences supported by Childhood Professionals.

Society benefits directly from investment in quality early childhood care & education.

