

One Family
needs you!



**We need you to get the One Family message across for the General Election 2016
Ask your candidate to commit to the following six steps for change:**

1. Work to end child poverty in Ireland: Children in one-parent families are still more than twice as likely to live in poverty than other children.

Q. As a potential member of the next Dail, do you think this is acceptable?

2. Ensure that work pays for everyone: Lone parents are being encouraged to enter employment without an affordable and accessible childcare system being implemented.

Q. What will you do to change this if I give you my vote?

3. Undertake a full review of the One Parent Family Payment reforms and the impact they have had on child poverty and employment rates for lone parents: Social welfare should be a support for vulnerable families and not subject to cuts without appropriate supports in place.

Q. Are you aware of the impact the One Parent Family Payment reforms have had on lone parents in work?

4. Support shared parenting: The current tax credit entitlements of people parenting alone do not support shared parenting and need to be reviewed and amended to reflect the reality of sharing parenting following relationship breakdown.

Q. Do you understand what shared parenting is and what government can do to support this type of parenting arrangement following separation?

5. Recognise and protect all families in the Constitution, not just married families: Article 41 is out-dated in the 21st century and discriminates against many families in Ireland.

Q. Do you think it is fair and equitable that children living in one-parent, unmarried and other diverse family forms are not recognised and protected in our constitution?

6. Invest in our family law courts and services: They are in crisis and need serious investment to ensure the safety and wellbeing of many children and their parents.

Q. Do you support major investment in our family courts and services?