



We asked all parties to sign up to the six points on our election manifesto. We have analysed each party manifesto to identify their commitments to these six points:

One Family Manifesto	1. Work to end child poverty in Ireland.	2. Ensure that work pays for everyone.	3. Undertake a full review of the OFP reforms.	4. Support shared parenting.	5. Recognise and protect all families in the Constitution, not just married families.	6. Invest in our family law courts and services.
Fianna Fail	<p>Increase Tusla funding by €15m to equip the agency to fully perform its duties.</p> <p>We will increase rent supplement levels by 10% nationally to support vulnerable households at a cost of €32m.</p> <p>Increase child benefit by €10.</p>	<p>Make work pay by introducing a sliding scale for welfare payment assessments.</p> <p>Directly support working parents with a progressive tax credit worth €2,000 for average income households to help them deal with childcare costs. Low income households can benefit up to €5,000.</p> <p>Committed to</p>	<p>We will increase the One Parent Family Payment scheme maximum child age threshold from seven years to twelve years and move towards full restoration as resources allow.</p>			

		<p>incentivising further training and up skilling for early years staff, and have earmarked €39m for that purpose.</p> <p>Revise the 38 hour threshold for FIS qualification, subject to resources and administrative feasibility, with a view to creating a sliding scale in order to reflect the fact that many people may be working (or wish to work) less than 19 hours per week and may be in just as much need as current FIS recipients. - Study the possibility of expanding FIS to cover the self-employed to allow families, in particular lone</p>				
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		parents, and greater flexibility in seeking work.				
Labour	<p>We will produce a new National Action Plan for Social Inclusion in 2017, with the eradication of child poverty the primary objective of that action plan. We will establish a new body – the End Child Poverty Commission to work to eradicate child poverty to make sure that we at least halve child poverty by 2021.</p> <p>Committed to a strategy of capacity building and investing in the quality of our public services to children and families. This will include primary care, early years, primary schools,</p>	<p>Move immediately to cap the cost of childcare for all children under 12 to €4.25 per hour for up to 40 hours of childcare a week. 2021, we will reduce this cost to €2 per hour, or a maximum cost of €80 per week. The State will fund the balance.</p> <p>Families will be able to choose to avail of subsidised childcare in private or community childcare centres, or use registered childminders.</p> <p>Working Family Benefit so that all parents working full time will earn at least €12 per hour. This will</p>	<p><i>(Current government have commissioned NUIG to complete a review of OFP reforms. The report was due to be released in June 2015 but has yet to be published).</i></p>		<p>Initiate and support referendums to modernise the reference to a woman’s place in the home (article 41).</p>	<p>We will legislate for a statutory framework for mediation as an alternative to litigation.</p> <p>We will review the high staff turnover ratios within child protection services and explore ways to overcome worker burnout in terms of better supervision, manageable caseloads and a greater experience mix amongst colleagues in services. We will fully commence all sections of the Children and Family Relationships Act.</p>

	<p>family and community support services.</p> <p>Continue to implement prevention and early intervention initiatives aimed at children and families, with a particular focus on areas of disadvantage. We will continue to invest in Child Benefit, and increase Child Benefit payments by €15 per month by 2021.</p>	<p>better support working families and remove disincentives to taking on additional work.</p> <p>Reduce the minimum hours of work (currently 19 hours) required to receive Family Income Supplement. Instead we will ensure people qualify based on their income. Assessment for the Working Family Benefit will exempt some additional forms of income for single parent families to better support their unique needs.</p> <p>Increase the minimum wage and raise it to a living wage of €11.30 p.h.</p>				
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		<p>Abolish USC on first €72,000.</p> <p>Change how PRSI operates to reduce the burden in particular on workers earning between €18,305 and €36,608.</p>				
Fine Gael	<p>Continue to invest in better services that improve people's lives and protect the weakest and most vulnerable in our society from poverty and exclusion.</p>	<p>Reduce the parental bill by €2,000 per annum by providing a direct annual subsidy to centre based providers caring full time for children aged 9 months to 36 months.</p> <p>A Working Family Payment designed to ensure that every parent working 15hours+ p.w. takes home at least €11.75 p.h. This will replace FIS.</p> <p>Roll-out nationwide</p>			<p>Formation of Citizen's Assembly composed solely of randomly selected citizens and will be asked to undertake a detailed review of a limited number of key issues (Article 41 not included).</p>	<p>Guardian Ad Litem (GAL): We will review the operation of the GAL mechanism representing a child's view in court proceedings to ensure that the perspective of the child is always taken fully into account.</p> <p>We will also introduce court reforms to more sensitively facilitate children giving evidence.</p> <p>We will establish a dedicated Family</p>

		the Housing Assistance Payment to address welfare to work traps associated with Rent Supplement.				<p>Courts system within the District, Circuit and High Courts, and develop a new state-of-the-art Family and Children's Court complex in Dublin.</p> <p>We will enact a new Mediation Bill and introduce new models of non-adversarial mediation.</p>
Social Democrats	<p>Set official all-of-Government target of ending Consistent Child Poverty by 2021; develop a New Anti- Poverty Strategy, with clear targets, timeframes and lines of responsibility, and with families as a key focus</p> <p>Poverty-proof all Budgets and set against the targets</p>	<p>Improve state funding for childcare providers by increasing capitation rates, link funding to quality improvements and reduce and cap childcare charges.</p> <p>Guaranteeing subsidised childcare for lone parents.</p> <p>Reform Rent</p>	Restoring tapering arrangement for Lone Parents moving from OFP to work.			

	of the new Anti-Poverty Strategy.	<p>Supplement so that the barrier to full-time employment is completely eradicated.</p> <p>Support the introduction of a living wage, which is based on the real cost of living.</p>				
Renua	Need to address the causes of poverty. Poverty has become intergenerational. We must break the cycle	Proposing a childcare tax credit to assist working families.				
People Before Profit		Introduce a system of childcare funded by the state. In the immediate term parents will receive a state subsidy and only pay a maximum of 30%. The provision will be fully funded for those on low incomes.	Reverse welfare cuts imposed on vulnerable groups and the poorest in society.			
AAA		Invest in education	Reverse cuts to			

		and childcare – invest in public crèches Increase the minimum wage to a living wage immediately and outlaw zero hour and 'if and when' contracts.	OFP.			
Independent Alliance	<p>Ireland's most vulnerable must be protected. We will sign a separate, binding pact with any other group in government that the sick, the elderly, those worst-off in society and those with additional needs, must be given priority.</p> <p>Children must be cherished, recognising that smart investment in our young people is a progressive way to secure Ireland's future.</p>					

<p>Sinn Féin</p>	<p>Establishment of a Social Protection Adequacy Commission to examine the minimum income required by different household types in receipt of social welfare to secure a Minimum Essential Standard of Living.</p>	<p>We will cap maximum fees for childcare costs at €180 per week and move to €150 per week (€3.75 per hour) over the term of government. We will further reduce parents' fees in a second term of government.</p> <p>Extend the Community Childcare Subvention scheme by making subsidised places available in privately run early-years services.</p> <p>Increase Fuel Allowance, Family Income Supplement and the Back to School Allowance.</p>	<p>Raise the cut-off age of the One-Parent Family Payment to 12 years old.</p>			<p>We will create a dedicated family courts system aimed at reducing the prolonged stress and cost to families of separation and divorce, backed up by legislation directing families to mediation services prior to entering legal proceedings.</p>
<p>Green Party</p>		<p>Introduce a 'childcare subsidy', where the state</p>	<p>Reverse the cuts to the Lone Parent's Allowance.</p>			<p>Legislate for fathers to have automatic</p>

		pays part of the cost of childcare for children under three before they are eligible for a pre-school place.				guardianship of their child from the birth of the child. Legislate to ensure the registration of fathers' names on the birth certificates of their child.
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