Tusla, the Child and Family Agency is the dedicated State agency responsible for improving wellbeing and outcomes for children. It represents the most comprehensive reform of child protection, early intervention and family support services ever undertaken in Ireland.

The name Tusla borrows from the Irish words ‘tús’ + ‘lá’, reflecting a shared desire for a new beginning, forging a new identity. A new word, a new way of working.
Tusla’s services include a range of universal and targeted services:

- Child protection and welfare services
- Educational welfare services;
- Psychological services;
- Alternative care
- Family and locally-based community supports
- Early years services
- Domestic, sexual and gender-based violence services
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Moving from a risk based child protection system to a Safety oriented system

Adopting the Signs of Safety Approach to child protection practice

Encouraging, supporting and facilitating reflective practice .... always learning
Principal Social Worker In Tusla

Governance of Practice

Chief Executive Officer
Chief Operations Officer
Regional Service Director
Area Manager
Principal Social Worker
Team Leader
Social /care Worker

Where does Governance of practice stop?
How do we make practice visible?
How do you lead practice?

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Learn, support and Improve Practice

Create national learning systems from external and internal reports

Notice, capture and share good practice!

Build practice development infrastructure to support entry level social workers in Tusla

Develop easy access to evidence/research to strengthen evidence in practice

Service improvement developed from ground up approach

Taking the learning from international colleagues ie. Barnahus