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Ireland's Child & Family Agency

# Tusla Child and Family Agency

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

# Tusla: A new Way of Working

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

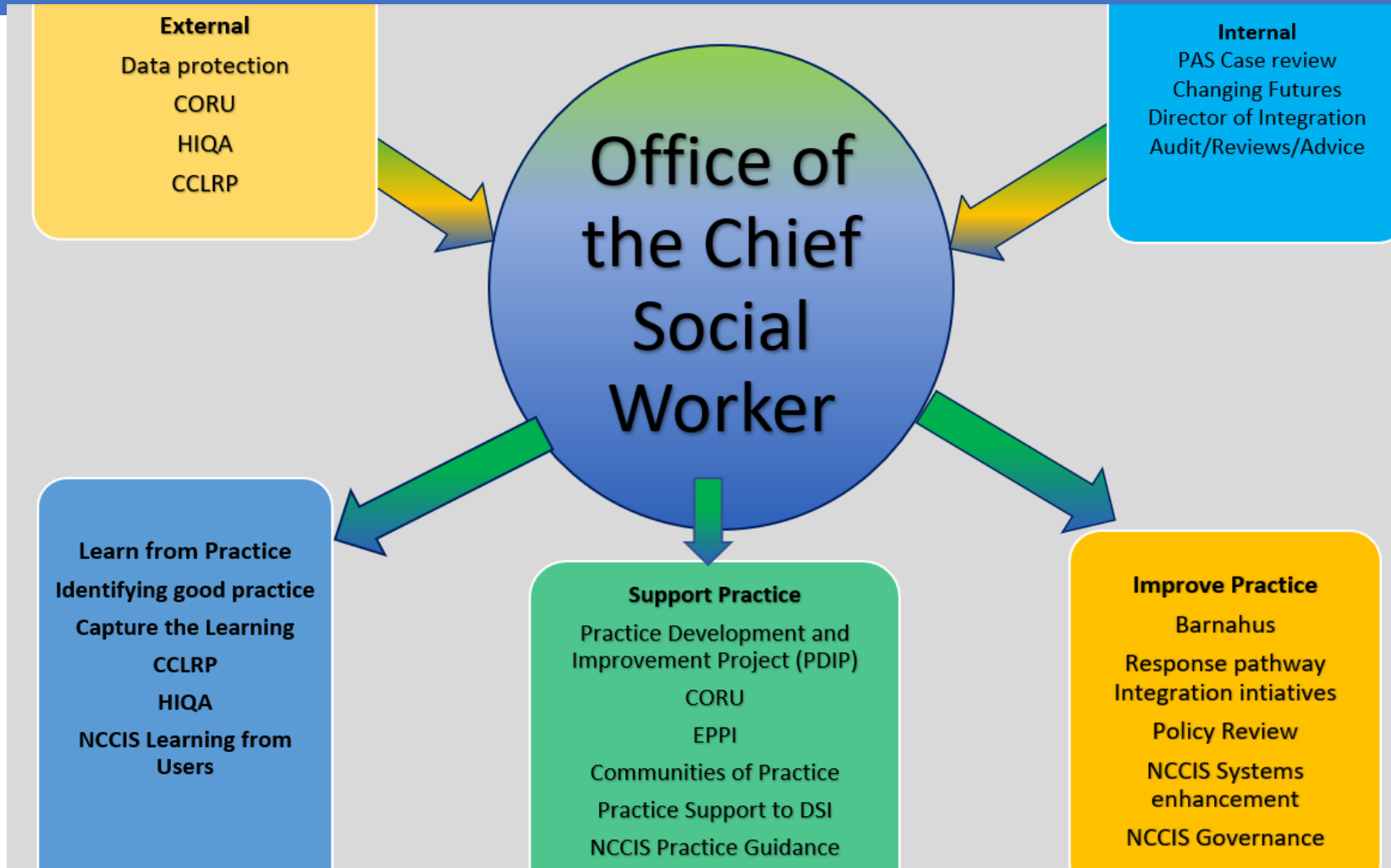
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## Governance of Practice



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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

