



Prevention, Partnership & Family Support
Research & Evaluation *the Story So Far*



World Café's...

- Really Interesting feedback
- Suggestions for the researchers
- Diversity! – different issues in each group
- Very Participative... Thank you...



Key messages... *Participation...*

- Participation is NB and need resources to do this ... **need time** ... based on building relationships...(sometimes with the most vulnerable)... it is a process not a one off event... Participation is a continuum ...
- NB to consider 'how' children participate – need to support them with varying levels of appropriate participation..
- Widespread good participatory practice & expectation that training will further enhance & extend this....



Key messages... 'Meitheal & Networks'

- M & N has the potential to transform the way 'we' (Tusla) work with families & with partner agencies
- Areas at different stage of implementation ... impact on research
- Recruitment for study is an ongoing issue - Meitheal is new / study is new and families & practitioners are finding this *a little* overwhelming



Key messages... 'Meitheal & Networks'

- Practitioners are struggling with concept of LP and therefore reluctant to volunteer – knock on impact for uptake of Meitheal & the study
- Remains an ongoing need for info on study – not always filtering down in every area



Key messages... *Parenting*

- De - stigmatize parenting support & make this an universal offering
- Information needed on mapping of parenting support – what is available & where... prac's don't necessarily know...
- Further info needed internally on PS
- PSCs will be key to dissemination of information



Key messages... *Commissioning*

- Movement towards an outcomes framework data system is prioritised
- Tusla needs to engage with other statutory funders on an approach to commissioning



Key messages...*Public Awareness*

- Importance of public awareness among all stakeholders as well as public (need clarity @ every level)
- @ local level awareness is there - need to build on this - up / down / out
- Impact of current context & timing of follow up study... Good Stories need publicised...
- Family Support – still not an understood term... for (some) families/ (some) practitioners

