

MEASURING CHILDHOOD DISABILITY AND PROGRAMME PROVISION IN IRELAND

SOCIAL INCLUSION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IS KEY FOR THEIR WELLBEING

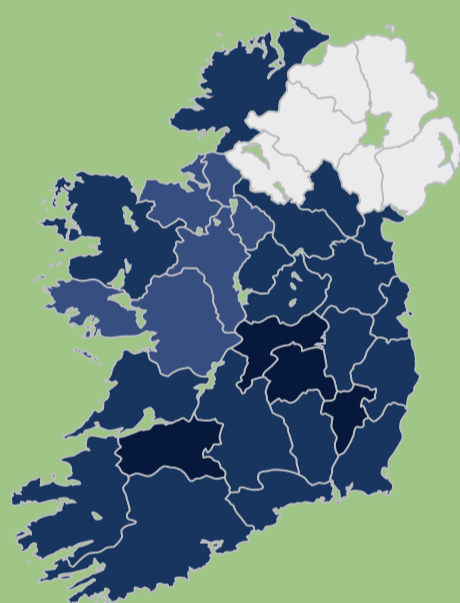
It is vital that children with disabilities have equal access to early childhood care and education



MEASUREMENT OF DISABILITY IS COMPLEX

Using Census 2016 data, 4.5% of 3-5-year-olds were reported as having a disability

Using *Growing Up Ireland* data, the disability rate amongst those aged 5 is estimated at 8.8%



CHILDHOOD DISABILITY RATES VARY BY COUNTY

Higher than average:
Offaly, Limerick, Laois, Carlow

Lower than average:
Leitrim, Roscommon, Galway, Sligo



ACCESS AND INCLUSION MODEL (AIM)

AIM is designed to help children with disabilities participate in early childhood care and education

AIM supports are demand-led and respond to the needs of children in the context of the pre-school



Key considerations for policy planning

