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## **Fr. McGrath Centre (<https://www.activelink.ie/node/95044>)**

### **St. Canice's Community Action Fr. McGrath Family Resource Centre**

St. Canice's Community Action Ltd (SCCA) is a not for profit registered charity that was originally formed in 1991. It was created by parish parents and residents due to pressing social problems in our community housing areas. In particular due to social problems facing children, young people and parents.

Since then we have grown to a large and diverse social and community support service running a variety of family, children and adult support, enterprise and training services including:

- The Fr. McGrath Family Resource Centre
- The Learning Tree Childcare
- St. Catherine's Halting Site Creche
- Kilkenny Multimedia IT Training Centre
- St. Canice's Neighbourhood Hall
- Kilkenny Job Club
- Carlow/Kilkenny Contact Service – a befriending and support and advocacy service for older people living alone.

All these services, social enterprises and initiatives have grown from our Family Resource Centre.

The Fr. McGrath Family Resource Centre, a formerly derelict building and green space site in the heart of the Butts housing estate, purchased by SCCA in 1995. Finally, it was placed in Trust for the perpetual community use, and has since seen an investment of millions of euro over the following years.

Moreover, our newly adapted, three storey facility now boasts some of the best family and children support and training facilities in Kilkenny City. Our local centre includes extensive public play grounds, sports areas and public green space park facilities.

The Fr. McGrath Family Centre now employs a large team of specialist family, children and youth profession support workers. Furthermore, the staff is responsible for the children's education, youth development and parent and family support services. These services operate from our location in the West Environs of Kilkenny City.

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