



Commonwealth Child Safe Framework 2023 Public Statement of Compliance

FamilyCare's commitment to Child Safety:

- Child safety is at the heart of all of FamilyCare's services and systems.
- All of FamilyCare's Board, Staff and Volunteers are required to support, adopt and follow the Child Safe Statement included in FamilyCare's Code of Conduct.
- The first two commitments in FamilyCare's Child Safe Statement are:
 - We believe every child has the right to be safe.
 - We will prioritise safety in all of our services and activities that involve children.
- The Child Safe Statement also recognises the vital role that culture plays in the safety of Aboriginal Children.
- A detailed system for monitoring and compliance supports FamilyCare's commitments to child safety.
- That system is compliant with:
 - The Victorian Child Safe Standards
 - The National Principles for Child Safe Organisations
 - FamilyCare's accreditation against ISO 9001:2015.

Declaration of compliance and improvement measures:

- FamilyCare is compliant with the Commonwealth Child Safe Framework.
- FamilyCare offers children opportunities to have a say, provide feedback and make complaints and is continually looking for ways to enhance those opportunities.
- FamilyCare has a variety of tools to assist children to understand their right to provide input, in ways that are responsive to different ages, stages and levels of comprehension.

FamilyCare's interactions with Children:

- All of FamilyCare's service activities can include contact with children.
- FamilyCare's interactions with children are extensive and include:
 - Online
 - In-person, individually and in groups
 - Case-management and

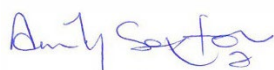
- Community development activities.
- FamilyCare does not provide any residential services, however does have regular contact with the Child Protection and Out of Home Care Systems.
- As well as the Child Safe Statement, FamilyCare has a specific Child Safe Policy to guide the preparation of procedures and work guidance, relevant to services and activities that involve children.

The outcome of FamilyCare's 2023 child safe risk assessment:

- FamilyCare's child safety risk assessment incorporates a review of a standing risk item relating to the Abuse and Neglect of children.
- The standing risk is owned by FamilyCare's Director of Services and is reviewed at least bi-monthly, with a full agency Child Risk Assessment conducted at least annually.
- The risk is rated as medium with the potential impact extreme, but the likelihood of occurrence rare.
- Significant incidents or occasions of non-compliance are reported as required to relevant government bodies and monthly to FamilyCare's Board.
- As relevant, allegations or evidence of abuse and neglect will be reported to police.
- The 2023 child safety risk assessment confirmed that FamilyCare is compliant with its obligations and is managing risk in a proactive, effective manner.

Child Safety initiatives in the last year

- FamilyCare has updated its online training and professional development platform for staff and volunteers, with child safety continuing to be recognised as a priority.
- In the last year, FamilyCare has:
 - Provided its leaders with specific data about the volume and range of feedback from children and young people.
 - Enhanced the range of electronic options for providing feedback, with a particular focus on making those options more accessible to children.



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Dated: 6 October 2023