

APPENDICE SS

NSW Standards for Statutory OOHC: Standard 2: Building a Positive Care Environment.
 NSW Disability Service Standard 1: Rights
 NSW Disability Standard 3: Individual Outcomes
 NSW Disability Service Standard 2: Participation and Inclusion

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OOHC PROCEDURE: Positive Care Environment

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General Policy Statement

1.1 Families and Community is committed to creating a positive care environment for all children and young persons in CatholicCare's Out of Home Care Programs. Families and Community recognises that a positive care environment is one which promotes the safety and wellbeing of children and young persons and is important for their physical, psychological and intellectual development.

(Ref: OOHC Policies and Procedures;; Behaviour Support and Management; Rights of Children, Young People and their Families; Foster Carer Assessment; Foster Carer Training and CatholicCare's Child Wellbeing and Child Protection Policy)

1.2 Families and Community is committed to providing a positive care environment which meets children and young person's educational, emotional, social and behavioural needs, in order to develop their capacity to lead happy, fulfilled and independent lives. Such a positive care environment must also take into account a child or young person's religion, ethnicity and culture all of which enhance a sense of belonging and therefore well-being (Ref: **OOHC Procedures: Education; Nutrition; Religion, Culture and Ethnicity**).

1.3 Families and Community will ensure children and young persons in Out of Home Care are encouraged and supported to maintain relationships with family and significant people in their lives to contribute to their sense of identity, self esteem and well-being and will ensure that belongings and items of personal significance are included in the child/young person's environment. (Ref: **OOHC Procedures: Contact with Significant Persons; Participation; Disclosure of Placement Information to Parents and Significant Others**)

1.4 Families and Community is committed to placing children and young persons in families where carers have been assessed as able to provide a positive care environment, including appropriate activities and



experiences. This includes the ability of the carer to provide adequate physical care which takes into account age appropriate issues of safety and privacy and to provide good emotional care that is both nurturing and protective and promotes a sense of security and trust. (Ref: OOHC Procedures: **Foster Carer Recruitment and Foster Carer Intake; Foster Carer Assessment; Foster Carer Training; Foster Carer Authorisation**)

- 1.5 Families and Community is committed to supporting and supervising all of its Out of Home Care placements and reporting, recording and managing incidents within the care environment within required timeframes to ensure the children and young persons are receiving all aspects of a positive care environment. (Ref: **OOHC Policies and Procedures: Foster Carer Support and Supervision; Case Planning and Case Conferences; Client Files.**)
- 1.6 Families and Community is committed to providing an integrated service for all children, young people and their families by working co-operatively with other agencies.

Reference Procedures:

- CatholicCare Agency Policy and Procedure: Child Wellbeing and Child Protection
- OOHC Procedure: Rights of Children, Young People and their Families
- OOHC Procedure: Behaviour Support and Management
- OOHC: Foster Carer Assessment
- OOHC Procedure: Foster Carer Training
- OOHC Procedure: Education
- OOHC Procedure: Nutrition
- OOHC Procedure: Religion, Culture and Ethnicity
- OOHC Procedure: Contact with Significant Persons
- OOHC Procedure: Participation
- OOHC: Recruitment of Foster Carers; and Intake of Foster Carers
- OOHC Procedure: Foster Carer Authorisation
- OOHC Procedure: Foster Carer Support and Supervision
- OOHC Procedure: Case Planning and Case Conferences
- OOHC: Client Files
- ADHC Child Protection : Responding to Risk of Harm to Children and Young People
- ADHC Community Support Program Policy
- ADHC Behaviour Support Policy
- ADHC Abuse and Neglect Policy and Procedure