

CHILD & YOUNG PERSON PROTECTION FACT SHEET



This fact sheet provides information to parents/guardians/carers of children or young persons participating in FSG Australia (FSGA) services. FSGA is committed to providing the highest standard of service to children and young people and ensuring they are kept safe from harm.

In order to create a safe and supportive service environment for children and young people, FSGA maintains ongoing planning and commitment to ensure services and activities are provided so children and young people:

- feel safe and protected from harm
- help plan activities and make decisions
- are consulted and respected
- have their best interests considered and upheld.

In accordance with legal requirements, FSGA is required to have a written child and young person risk management strategy to protect the children and young people in our organisation from harm. The strategy helps ensure FSGA is a safe and supportive service environment for children and young people by identifying and minimising risks. Screening Queensland employees and volunteers through the Blue Card system is part of the strategy.

The child and young person risk management strategy addresses the following elements:

- a statement of commitment
- a code of conduct for interacting with children and young people
- procedures for recruiting, selecting, training and managing paid and unpaid staff
- policies and procedures for handling disclosures or suspicions of harm, including reporting guidelines
- a plan for managing breaches of the child and youth risk management strategy
- policies and procedures for implementing and reviewing the child and youth risk management strategy and maintaining a staff safety screening register
- risk management plans for high-risk activities and special events
- strategies for communication and support.

As a parent/carer/guardian, it is important for you to understand the policies and procedures that form the child and young person risk management strategy. You can support the strategy by:

- respecting the rights, dignity and worth of every person, regardless of their abilities, gender, religion or cultural background
- focusing on and encouraging children's and young persons' efforts and performance
- supporting all efforts to remove any form of abuse in FSGA and encouraging a safe and supportive service environment
- raising any issues or concerns with FSGA
- not treating any child or young person in an unfair, unjust, or discriminatory manner
- complying with the FSGA smokefree policy.

For your information and comment, a copy of the [Protecting Children & Young Persons Procedures](#) are available by contacting FSGA.