



CatholicCare Family Services

Protection of Children and Young Persons

CatholicCare Family Services (CFS) has an absolute commitment to the protection of children and young persons from all forms of abuse and neglect. CFS expects all workers in our organisation, regardless of their role or responsibility, to act to safeguard children from such harm by:

- Adopting the practices that we have set as our standard when carrying out their duties
- Reporting any instances of child abuse or neglect of which they become aware to our management and/or external child protection authorities or to the police, regardless of whether that abuse is being perpetrated by persons within the child's family, extended family, family networks or strangers, or by persons within our organisation.

CFS staff are regularly supervised, supported and encouraged to actively build and maintain a secure environment for all participants and will take any necessary action to ensure the safety of children and young persons.

The Australian Childhood Foundation has developed the Safeguarding Children Program, which provides effective standards, training and accreditation to help strengthen an organisation's capacity to protect children and young people in its care. CatholicCare Family Services is an accredited child-safe organisation under the Safeguarding Children Program.

For further information about how CFS meets its child-safe obligations, the practice and behaviour guidelines it maintains, and how it responds to allegations of child abuse, please see the CatholicCare Family Services website on <http://www.catholiccaretas.org.au/>

Guidelines for parents or guardians who have children participating in CFS programs may also be found on the CFS website.

As Executive Director of CatholicCare Tasmania, I endorse our organisation's commitment to providing a safe environment for children and young people to whom we provide services and I exhort everyone to join with CFS in keeping children safe and free from abuse and neglect.

Tim Gourlay
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