

Safeguarding Children Services

Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation & the Australian Childhood Foundation

Safeguarding Children Accreditation Program

The Australian Childhood Foundation's (the Foundation) Safeguarding Children Services is excited to be working with Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation.

This engagement is built on the establishment of a partnership between Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation and the Australian Childhood Foundation, which forms the basis for the implementation of the safeguarding approach and will lead to the accreditation of Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation under the Safeguarding Children Program.

The Safeguarding Children Program helps organisations to implement best practice policies and standards to protect children and young people in their care. The Program also helps organisations promote a culture that protects children and young people from abuse and exploitation.

This Program is a unique voluntary accreditation scheme for organisations, who take seriously their duty of care to children and young people; as well as their families. The Safeguarding Children Program will assist Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation to systematically increase its ability to keep children and young people safe from abuse and exploitation while they take part the Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation activities.

The Safeguarding Children Consultants will support Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation in an ongoing way to:

- enhance and maintain a collective culture that promotes the safety of children and young people;
- review, design, and execute specific policies and procedures to protect children and young people;
- provide relevant training to management, staff, and volunteers;
- engage the involvement of children, young people, and their families in safeguarding practices;
- implement a consistent set of endorsed operational standards at every level; and,
- respond effectively to situations in which a child is abused or exploited by an individual involved in the management or delivery of a service or activity.

Finally, the Foundation's Safeguarding Consultants will work alongside Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation personnel to implement the Safeguarding Accreditation Standards. The end result of this successful process will be a Safeguarding Children Accreditation for Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation.