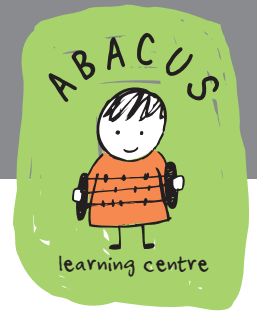


Child Protection Policy



INTRODUCTION

Abacus Learning Centre is committed to promoting and protecting the interests and safety of children. We have zero tolerance for child abuse.

Everyone working at Abacus Learning Centre is responsible for the care and protection of children and reporting information about child abuse.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is

1. To facilitate the prevention of child abuse occurring with Abacus Learning Centre
2. To work towards an organisation culture of child safety.
3. To prevent child abuse within Abacus Learning Centre.
4. To ensure that all parties are aware of their responsibilities for identifying possible occasions for child abuse and for establishing controls and procedures for preventing such abuse and/or detecting such abuse when it occurs.
5. To provide guidance to staff/volunteers/contractors as to action that should be taken where they suspect any abuse within or outside of the organisation.
6. To provide a clear statement to staff/volunteers/contractors forbidding such abuse.
7. To provide assurance that any and all suspected abuse will be reported and fully investigated.

POLICY

Abacus Learning Centre is committed to promoting and protecting at all times the best interests of children involved in its programs.

All children, regardless of their gender, race, religious beliefs, age, disability, sexual orientation, or family or social background, have equal rights to protection from abuse.

Abacus Learning Centre has zero tolerance for child abuse. Everyone working at Abacus Learning Centre is responsible for the care and protection of the children within our care and reporting information about suspected child abuse.

Child protection is a shared responsibility between Abacus Learning Centre, all employees, workers, contractors, associates, and member of the Abacus Learning Centre community.

Abacus Learning Centre will consider the opinions of children and use their opinions to develop child protection policies.

Abacus Learning Centre supports and respects all children, staff and volunteers. Abacus Learning Centre is committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, and those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children living with a disability.

If any person believes a child is in immediate risk of abuse, telephone 000.

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