

Office of the Children's Guardian

Vision and purpose statement

Our vision

We create safe places for children.

Our purpose

We promote and regulate the quality of child safe organisations services and people. In fulfilling our purpose, we will:

- Keep the wellbeing and safety of children and young people at the heart of all our efforts
- Be a source of authority on quality in child safe practices, in out of home care and worker screening
- Cultivate the relationships between child safe practices across settings, particularly when children are in alternate care settings and monitor the suitability of the workers who support them
- Draw together expertise from across child-related sectors to promote evidence-based practice, through integration and analysis of information in the Office of the Children's Guardian
- Educate the NSW community about the importance of child safe organisations and the role of the Children's Guardian

Our key responsibilities:

- Promote the quality of child safe practices
- Regulate organisations and individuals providing services to children
- Educate employers and organisations about their child safe responsibilities
- Monitor organisations and individuals to achieve ongoing child-centred culture and compliance
- Facilitate sector wide cultural change and collaboration to achieve safe places for children.

Our work will be underpinned by the following values and principles:

Leadership in quality

We will strive to be a trusted authority on the quality of organisations, services, environments and people working with children.

Focus on collaboration

We will be proactive in our collaborative efforts with professional quality and commitment. We will foster diverse and valuable partnerships across the sector and the community.

Accountability, independence and transparency

We will actively demonstrate integrity and impartiality, upholding the public interest based on the Public Sector ethical framework.

Creativity and continuous improvement

We will encourage and promote innovation and creativity in order to be a contemporary regulator. We will strive for our own continuous improvement through self-evaluation and independent evaluation of our work and services.

The staff of the Office of the Children's Guardian will:

- Be honest and transparent in our dealings with stakeholders and the community
- Model respectful, customer-oriented behaviour
- Provide high quality professional advice, services and support to the OCG in order to fulfil its vision and purpose.