

Our Commitment to Child Safety

At Dot to Dot Early Intervention we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. We are committed to providing a child friendly environment, where children are safe and feel safe. We help children and their parents actively participate in decisions that affect their lives and respect their wishes.

Dot to Dot Early Intervention has zero tolerance for child abuse. We take all allegations seriously and respond to them consistently, in line with *Child Safe Standards 2015*.

Dot to Dot Early Intervention gives attention to the safety of children with a disability, the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Every person employed at Dot to Dot Early Intervention has a responsibility to understand their important and specific role to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of their decisions and actions.

Dot to Dot Early Intervention acknowledges the right of children to access and participate in their community for their development and wellbeing. We recognise that limitations of this right can be considered neglect.

During planning, decision-making and everyday activities, Dot to Dot Early Intervention will:

- Take a preventative, proactive and involved approach to child safety
- Support, value and empower children to participate in decisions that affect their lives
- Encourage a welcoming and caring culture, supporting people to safely disclose risks of harm to children
- Respect all cultures in their diversity and child rearing methods while considering child safety to be our priority
- Ensure children know who to talk with if they are worried or are feeling unsafe, and that they are comfortable and encouraged to raise such issues
- Report suspected abuse, neglect or mistreatment promptly to the appropriate authorities
- Share information appropriately and lawfully with other organisations where the safety and wellbeing of children is at risk
- Value the input of and communicate regularly with families and carers.