



POLICE

Police play their part to protect and care for children and young people in their community by being approachable and educating children and young people on how to be safe.



Be a positive role model and influence for children and young people to look up to.

Develop policies and procedures that convey the law in a way that any person can understand.

Child Protection Policies should promote wellbeing and early intervention practices and be consistent with state/territory mandatory reporting legislation. When implemented and supported consistently, these policies work to protect children, workers and the organisation.

Consider the impact on children and young people when making service delivery decisions.

Develop and share a directory of local services in police stations that can support families.

Involve yourself in community events and network across sectors to build trusting relationships and develop balanced well-informed perspectives on children and young people.

Congratulate families and young people when you see or hear good things happening.

Be approachable and youth friendly.

Developing and adhering to a code of conduct for working with children and young people at your station is a practical tool for promoting clear and consistent roles and behaviour.

Think about safe and respectful ways to offer assistance if you see an adult being inappropriate towards a child or young person.