NAPCAN

Strategic Plan

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NAPCAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT



NAPCAN ACKNOWLEDGES THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND CUSTODIANS OF THE MANY LANDS ACROSS AUSTRALIA WHERE OUR STAFF PROVIDE SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES.

WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LEADERS PAST AND PRESENT AND TO YOUNG KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS.

AS THE OLDEST LIVING CIVILIZATION ON EARTH, WE KNOW ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE EMBEDDED IN CULTURE TO BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES THAT KEEP CHILDREN SAFE.

WE UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR ALL OF US TO LISTEN AND LEARN FROM THEIR WISDOM.

At NAPCAN, we're like a big family on an exciting day trip together and that is what this strategic plan is all about. This plan can be thought of as our directions, helping us find the best ways to make sure every child feels safe, valued, and can thrive.

Just like when a family plans a day out together, we've thought carefully about where we want to go and how to get there. Along the way, we'll make sure to listen to you because your ideas, voices and knowledge are what keeps us moving forward.

As the CEO and the Chair of NYSO, we're helping direct the way, but really, you're the one leading us.

You're pointing out new paths, sharing what's working (and maybe what's not), and helping us think of solutions when things get tricky.



We're committed to making sure every child, in every community can have a fair go and has a place in this journey.

This plan shows how we'll keep building strong communities, creating opportunities, and supporting you to explore your full potential.

Together, we will all learn, grow, and improve the lives of children and young people in Australia.

Jump on board! We're excited to see where this journey will take us, and we're so glad to have you with us.



Leesa Waters
CEO, NAPCAN



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NYSO Chair, NAPCAN

This booklet shares what NAPCAN wants to achieve in the future, how we want to get there and who we need to help us get there.

It's like planning a family holiday.

We take the time to think about things like, where are we going to visit? Do we fly or drive there?

And what do we need to get there, such as a map, fuel, and some delicious snacks for the trip?



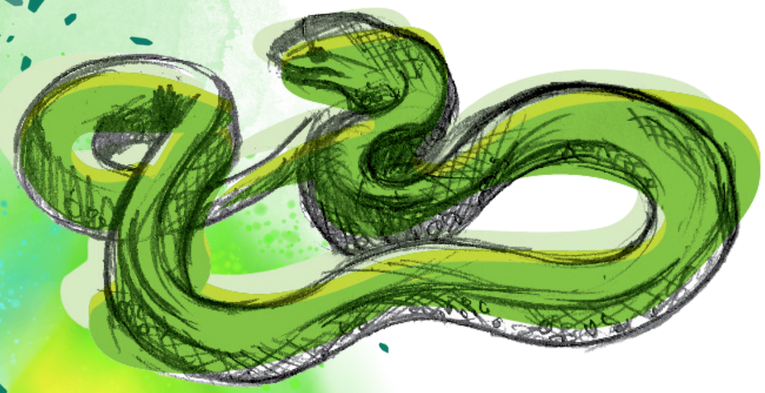


What we do today impacts you.

On a family holiday, this looks like packing the right clothes for the weather at our destination, to make sure we have a comfortable trip away.

Our job is to make sure the choices we make now as an organisation have a positive impact on the future.

It’s our job to ensure that the communities around you feel safe, and you feel connected and respected.



Simply, here's how we plan to do that:

We plan to join forces with other organisations that are also working hard to prevent children being harmed.

We believe there's power in numbers and team work gets things done *faster*. Just like sharing the drive on a road trip, makes it easier on the adults to get to the destination safely.

By working together as an even bigger team, we can create more change and make a bigger difference in the lives of children and young people, **like you.**

Because...

three in five Australian children and young people experience abuse or neglect, the negative impacts can last a lifetime.

We believe...

in **preventing** child abuse and neglect and that **everyone** can help make this happen.

So we...

deliver **workshops** to **connect with the community,** making sure everyone is heard regardless of culture or background.

That results in...

increased awareness and accountability for child safety in our neighbourhoods and across the country.

and leads to...

safer, more connected communities in which children and young people can thrive.

Mission 1

Putting more time into building relationships with other organisations. We'll also take note of all the feedback and results from our current programs we run.

Mission 2

Based on what we discover from our current programs, we'll make the necessary changes to build a stronger community, and build public awareness about child safety.

Mission 3

We'll lead the way with innovative solutions, testing things as we go, and move towards continuing to drive change across Australia.



Your opinion matters, your voice is important.

Our commitment to you is : **we will listen.**

Just like how its important if everyone gets a vote on what activities you do on your holiday away!

You can be certain that your voice will be heard and valued.





Being safe and feeling safe are both really important.

Being safe is when you are free from harm or risk. Wearing a seatbelt in a car or plane can help keep you safe.

Feeling safe is when you feel welcome, comfortable and protected. Knowing that grown-ups around you have your health and safety in mind, and are looking out for you, can help you to feel safe.

Helping children to feel safe, and be safe, is important to NAPCAN.

Remember, you don’t have to feel alone. You can always talk to a trusted adult.

If it can be tricky to find a safe adult to speak to if you are experiencing harm, you can **call Kids Help Line on 1800 55 1800** anytime if you ever need to talk to someone.

kids help line

It’s safe to speak up and ask for help.



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NAPCAN'S 2024-27 Strategic Plan:
www.napcan.org.au/napcan-strategic-plan/

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