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Best interests of child/rangatahi

"I am encouraged to participate and my interests, needs and views are considered."

Intent

We give effect to and are guided by the rights and best interests of tamariki in situations involving their safety and wellbeing. We encourage rangatahi to participate in decisions and processes that relate to them and tautoko them to understand their rights.

Responsibilities

The Missioner will support and monitor compliance with this policy in operations.

Staff and volunteers will implement this policy in all service delivery.

Requirements

We will protect and act in the best interests of rangatahi/tamariki when we:

- prioritise their safety and wellbeing needs
- respect and respond to their cultural and family needs
- respect and enhance mana tamaiti
- honour their rights including the right to participate in decisions that relate to them
- recognise and address their developmental and disability-related needs
- consider public interest including public safety
- consider the interests of any person victimised by the rangatahi
- support the rangatahi to be accountable for their offending.

Compliance

Social Sector Accreditation Standards - Level 2, Client-centred services 1.0, 4.0;
Community Wellbeing 1.0 -4.0; Cultural competence 1.0

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Social Sector Accreditation Standards - Level 3, Client-centred services 1.0; Community Wellbeing 1.0

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The Best Interests of the Child in the Digital Environment

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Mana Mokopuna, Ngā Mōtika, Rights

Review

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