Strengthening families | Protecting children

Framework for practice

Values
- Family and community connection
- Participation
- Partnership
- Cultural integrity
- Strengths and solutions
- Fairness
- Curiosity and learning

Principles
- We always focus on safety, belonging and wellbeing
- We recognise that cultural knowledge and understanding is central to children’s safety, belonging and wellbeing
- We build collaborative working relationships and use our authority respectfully and thoughtfully
- We listen to children’s, families’ and communities’ views and involve them in planning and decision making
- We build and strengthen networks to increase safety and support for children, young people and families
- We seek to understand the impact of the past, but stay focused on the present and the future
- We are rigorous and hopeful in our search for strengths and solutions
- We critically reflect on our work and continue to grow and develop our practice

Knowledge
- Individual and family based
- Community and cultural based
- Research based
- Practitioner based
- Systems based

Skills
- Engagement — the development of effective working relationships
- Assessment — critical reflection and robust decision making at key decision points
- Planning — collaborative process for building rigorous change plans
- Process — focus on processes that support and reinforce the practice

Best hopes

Our vision
Queensland children and young people are cared for, protected, safe and able to reach their full potential.

Safety
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