

Charter of Commitment to Children and Young People

At
Connect
Child and
Family
Services,
we are
committed
to:

- upholding the rights of each child as expressed in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. We model this in our practices and behaviours.
- creating environments where children have a voice and feel they are heard. We promote the wellbeing of each child.
- prioritising our child protection obligations. We integrate protective behaviours into our practices enabling each child to grow in their capacities to promote and protect their own wellbeing and safety. As mandatory reporters, we report harm, or risk of harm, to a child to senior colleagues in Connect and to the relevant authorities.
- acknowledging children's vulnerability, paying attention to each child and family. We are mindful of children's lived experiences and aware of the impact of trauma on children's behaviours and emotional well-being. We apply the best professional insights into child development and wellbeing.
- building safe relationships with children and families, acknowledging that parents and families are the first and most important source of care and education in the life of a child. We notice signs that indicate they may need support and act to prevent, the behaviours and situations that might put a child's wellbeing or safety at risk.
- working together and in partnership with families, knowing it takes the whole community to keep children safe.

