

Statement of Intent to Commit to Child Safety



The Board and Management of Bendigo Foodshare Inc. make this Statement of Intent to Commit to Child Safety:

We want children to be safe, happy and empowered.

All children and young people involved in programs at Bendigo Foodshare Inc. have a right to feel safe and be safe.

We support, respect and listen to all children, as well as our staff and volunteers.

We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children in our work and are committed to supporting vulnerable families and children through the provision of food relief and food education programs. We advocate for the rights of children to have access to healthy food and work to educate, upskill and empower everyone in our community to increase food literacy and skills.

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our policies and procedures.

We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously – with respect and care.

We are committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks.

We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.

This statement, and our wider Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy, demonstrates the strong commitment of all in our organisation to the safety of children and to provide an outline of the policies and procedures developed to keep everyone safe from harm and all forms of abuse.