Strengthening families | Protecting children

Framework for practice

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

Best hopes

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

Safety
Belonging
Wellbeing

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