

Application to programs or activities run within an Archdiocesan parish, agency or entity context

Programs, activities or events that are conducted by or under the auspice of Archdiocesan parish, agency or entity that involve contact or likely contact with children and young people, are required to comply with the requirements of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

‘Contact’ (or likely contact) is defined broadly to include children and young people who are:

- present (i.e. in attendance)
- involved as volunteers
- direct recipients of services
- recipients of services provided to their families.

Contact may occur in person, via telephone, online, onsite or offsite (e.g. parish, home visiting, community ministry).

Within CAM, our responsibility extends to ensuring that external organisations or community groups that operate community programs or use facilities within parishes, agencies and entities are aware of their obligations to safeguard children and young people.

See **INFORMATION SHEET: Obligations of Organisations or Community Groups that Run or Auspice Community Programs within Archdiocesan Parish, Agency or Entity Contexts.**

Please note:

Some services such as long day care, family day care, preschool/kindergarten, out-of-school hours care (including vacation care) are subject to child safety requirements set out by the National Quality Framework with oversight provided by the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority.

Other services such as occasional care, early intervention, mobile services and some preschool/kindergartens are regulated under the Victorian Children’s Services Act 1996 rather than the National Quality Framework.

USEFUL RESOURCES

Australian Children’s Education & Care Quality Authority

<https://www.acecqa.gov.au/nqf/national-law-regulations/national-regulations>

Children’s services regulated under State Law

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/providers/regulation/Pages/vcs.aspx#link82>



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The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.