

Child Safeguarding Guiding Principles



South Dublin
County Partnership
Páirtíocht Chontae
Átha Cliath Theas

We believe in the following:

- The welfare and safety of every child/young person who engages in our service is paramount.
- Our policy, principles, and procedures to safeguard children/young people reflect national policy and legislation and will be reviewed every two years.
- SDCP has a unique role supporting all children/young people and families to realise their full potential within thriving communities where children/young people can feel safe.
- We are committed to upholding the rights of every child/young person attending our service, including the right to be kept safe, protected from harm, listened to, and heard.
- Confidentiality is central in SDCP's approach to the safeguarding of children. Sharing of information is on a need-to-know basis in the best interest of children/young people.
- SDCP expects that all staff conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of our organisation. We proactively ensure that all children/young people have a strengths-based, positive and safe experience when they engage in any SDCP activities.

South Dublin County Partnership (SDCP) is a large, complex organisation which delivers projects to tackle poverty and social exclusion in South Dublin. We work with adults, communities, partner organisations and with **children and young people** across a range of different contexts and in different ways:

Children and families programme provides:

- o Parent and Toddler learning groups called PEEP run in various locations
- o Family Learning. Children/young people and their parents learn together, e.g. Coding
- o Balgaddy Child and Family Centre. Educational and recreational activities for children and young people and supports the local community
- o 6-12 Project: afterschool activities for children in different locations in South Dublin

Learning (including schools) programme provide:

- o Educational and guidance support. Activities in schools or co-facilitated with schools
- o KICK (Kickboxing to Inspire & Challenge Kids) is a kickboxing programme for young people (one to one or in a group).

Community programme provides:

- o Community-based activities for residents, including children/young people
- o Glenshane Resource Centre. Educational and recreational activities for children and young people and supports the local community

Health & Wellbeing programme provides:

- o Baby Weaning and baby massage sessions run in Health House
- o Ante-Natal Teenage Programme
- o Community & Family Counselling

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